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Second-graders stuck on Seuss Page 3



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Above: Second-graders Alexis Beshears, left, and Faith Moss read Dr. Seuss' "The Foot Book" at Sollars Elementary School, Missel Base, Japan, on Wednesday. Second-graders at the school celebrated Dr. Seuss' 101st birthady by, among other things, making a green goo called "oobleck" teatured in Seuss' "Bartholomew and the Gobleck." Left: Sollars second-grader Jaeshaan Thomas wears the "Cat in the Har" headgear he made in homor of the author of the classic children's book.



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Professor under fire: A Universi ty of Colorado professor defended his essay that compared some people who died in the World Trade Center attack to Nazi war criminals, saying he was writing in an attempt to under-

Ward Churchill said he wrote the essay the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2001, after televi-sion networks "spun" the attacks that morning as senseless and after government officials labeled the attackers as evil freedom-haters

stand the terrorists' motivation

Lackawanna Six trial: Over repeated objections from the defense, a 28-year-old convict described his life as an al-Qaida recruit as prosecutors presented the most extensive evidence to date linking a Yemeni sheik to the international terrorist group.

Yahya Goba, a member of the Lackawanna Six terrorist cell, took the stand Tuesday in New York after the judge in the case allowed jurors to see an al-Qaida training camp entry form listing Sheik Mohammed Ali Hassan al-Moayad as the sponsor of a trainee, a Yeme-

ni fighter known as Abu Jihad Al-Moayad is on trial in federal court in Brooklyn on charges of supporting al-Qaida and the Palestinian militant group Hamas.

Movie bootlegger dies in jail: A man awaiting sentencing for illegally copying and distributing movies being screened for Oscar picks was found dead in his jail cell. authorities said.

Russell Sprague, 52, of Illinois, may have died of a heart attack, the U.S. Marshals Service said. His body was discovered Monday morning and an autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday

Bush addresses Syria: President Bush on Wednesday demanded in blunt terms that Syria get out of Lebanon, saying the free world is in agreement that Damascus' authority over the political affairs of its neighbor must end now.

He applauded the strong message sent to Syria when Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier held a joint news conference on London on Tuesday.

Robert Blake murder trial: In his old days on "Baretta," actor Robert Blake played the good guy. On Wednesday, a prosecutor was ready to tell a jury in closing arguments that

Blake crossed the line and became a killer. Blake, 71, is accused of murdering his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley.

After closing arguments, the jury could get the case on Friday.



Heroes' reception: Lt. Col. Dan Todd, left, and Master Sgt. Isaac Morrow, right, receive letters of appreciation from Chofu Fire Chief Eiji Nakamura on Wednesday for their part in rescuing a man from a burning vehicle on the Chuo Expressway in Tokyo on Feb. 24. "This is for the distinctive merits. I hereby express my deepest appreciation," Nakamura said as he presented the letter to Todd, commander for Stars and Stripes, and Morrow, first sergeant. The chief also presented them what he called "heroes' medals." The man Todd and Morrow rescued sustained minor injuries and is recovering in the hospital.

Beef sanctions: Japan hopes the United States will not impose economic sanctions over Tokyo's 15-month ban on American beef

and will continue negotiations, the govern-ment's top spokesman said Wednesday. Some members of the U.S. Congress have warned of possible sanctions if Japan does not lift the ban soon.

The ban was imposed in December 2003 after the United States discovered its first case of mad cow disease

ment: Nepal's pro-monarchy Nepal govern government on Wednesday banned any inde pendent reporting on the country's communist insurgency, saying journalists must get all of their information on security issues from the army or police.

The government said in a statement Wednesday that it will not tolerate any published or broadcast reports that could encourage the rebels or promote terrorism or other destructive activities, and anyone issuing such reports faces punishment.

Pope's health: Even if he couldn't speak Pope John Paul II would bring a powerful spiritual presence to Germany if he makes heduled foreign trip of the year, for a World Youth Day gathering this summer, Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Cologne said Wednesday.

John Paul skipped his popular weekly audience with the faithful Wednesday while con-centrating on regaining his ability to speak and continuing to work on church matters from his hospital suite in Rome.

Peacekeeping in East Timor: The United States said Monday it opposes Secretary-Gen-eral Kofi Annan's recommendation for a one-year extension of the U.N. peacekeeping on in East Timor, saying th ere is no long er a threat to peace between the tiny country and its powerful neighbor Indonesia.

The people of East Timor voted for indepen-The people of East Timor voted for independence from Indonesia in 1999, unleashing a wave of killing, looting and burning by the Indonesian military and its proxy militias that displaced 300,000 people.

Rueinace

Ebbers trial: The defense rested its case esday at the New York trial of former WorldCom chief Bernard Ebbers after two

Defense lawyers called four witnesses over five days of testimony, none more im-portant than the 63-year-old ex-CEO, who testified he only learned about the massive fraud after he resigned from WorldCom in April 2002.

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Yokota tsunami relief show a success

BY T D FLACK Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan ican Red Cross officials left Tuesday night's "Special Benefit Concert" with \$7,041 in donations for tsunami relief efforts in South Asia.

Yokota Cares, a group of representatives from base "helping agencies," sponsored the concert at Yokota's Officers Club. They raised more than \$4,000 with a collection box in the Yokota Community Center and through con-cert ticket sales. Yokota East Elementary School students donated an additional \$3,000 they raised with a weeklong "dollar drive.

"We are so excited about the response to the event, the overwhelming response to the re-quest for donations," said Connie Harvey, volunteer co-chairwoman for Yokota's American Red Cross Month. "Everyone dug deep in their pockets to try to make a differen of others

Yokota Cares officials asked Betsy Fitzgerald, a group volunteer and professional musi cian, to plan the event, Fitzgerald, also director of the Vivace Performing Arts Program at Yokota, enlisted 33 of her program's youth to sing. She also recruited local professional sing-ers and — when several performers became ill a week before the concert — dipped into the base's talent pool at the last minute

She said she was swamped with e-mail mes sages Wednesday from people who enjoyed the 90-minute concert

'I wanted to pick uplifting music that would help pass the various messages of patriotism, remembering the people lost and those far

away defending our country," she said.

But the concert's main goal was to raise money to aid relief efforts in South Asia; hundreds of thousands died and several hundred thousand still are homeless after a massive

earthquake and subsequent tsunami Dec. 26.
During an intermission Tuesday night, members of Yokota East Elementary School's student council presented the Red Cross with

Lillian Hiyama, school principal, said more than 600 students and about 80 staff members participated in the five-day dollar collection.

She said the idea wasn't as much to raise

money as to "have our kids involved in learning about caring and compassion."

With some students' parents deployed to as-

sist in South Asia — and with the intense news coverage of the devastation — collecting money was "another way they (students) could feel connected."

"The kids were so enthusiastic," Hiyama said. "Here was a way for them to be involved ... in this total worldwide effort."

She said the total amount collected was read daily over school loudspeakers and the "kids got really motivated." During his remarks, Col. Mark Schissler

374th Airlift Wing commander, said as one of those who deployed to the region for humani-tarian relief efforts, he knows firsthand that "the need is severe

"I was struck by the devastation," he said. E-mail T.D. Flack at flackt@pstrines.osd.mil



VAL GEMPIS/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Tara Wilson, a 10th-grader from Yokota High School, plays the harp during a benefit concert for tsunami victims Tuesday night at Yokota Air Base, Japan, that raised more than \$4,000.

Red Cross Month kicks off

Stare and Strings

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Col. Mark Schissler, 374th Airlift Wing Commander, kicked off "American Red Cross Month" at Yokota by reading his signed "proclamation" before a Tuesday night benefit concert at the

"For more than 30 years, the Red Cross at Yokota Air Base has been the place where citizens join together, and the generosity and compassion of the American people finds purpose," Schissler read. "It's been the place where someone who may not know you will give you first aid, provide you shelter, save you from drowning or help when verification of an emergency back home is needed.

"Never has this been more evident than in the nast few months in the aftermath of the deadly tsunami that struck our neighbors in Asia and Africa," Schissler read. "The Yokota community responded swiftly and generously, and in overwhelming numbers chose their Red Cross as the place to turn their caring into action

Connie Harvey, volunteer co-chair for Yoko-ta's American Red Cross Month, said via phone interview Wednesday that she appreciated Schissler's help.

"He's an awesome supporter of the Ameri-can Red Cross," Harvey said.

Last year, according to Schissler's procla-mation, Yokota's Red Cross briefed 1,395

troops and their family members on how to access services; passed about 560 emergency communications to residents and taught more than 1 200 members lifesaving skills

This month's theme, said Harvey, is "To gether We Prepare."

Red Cross volunteers will educate base residents about making an emergency plan by stressing five steps: make a plan; build a kit; get trained; volunteer; and give blood.

"I urge all members of the Yokota community to get prepared, get trained, volunteer and give generously to the local and global causes of the American Red Cross." Schissler stated. "Together we prepare. Together we can save

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Red Cross Month events at Yokota Air Base, Japan

March 24-31: Pive Actions for Emergency Preparedness Ex-hibit at the library. March 30: American Red Cross Volunteer Recognition Event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yokota Officers Club. information provided by Yokota's American Red Cross Of-fice. Call DSN 225-7522 for more information.

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Watch **SmartPav** accounts, DOD urges

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Smart-Pay travel cardholders are being warned to watch their accounts after Bank of America lost data tapes with personal information of about 900,000 federal employees, Pentagon officials said

Secret Service officials are investigating the misplaced tapes, but only began releasing details of the error in the last few days because of security concerns.

Bank representatives and Defense Department officials do not believe any of the information has been misused thus far. The lost information includes names, addresses and social security numbers of federal employees.

In a statement, Bank of America spokeswoman Barbara Desoer said the company deeply regrets the loss of customer information, and "we take our responsibilities for safeguarding it very seriously.

The company will not hold cardholders liable for any unauthorized use of their cards, though no such abuse has been reported yet.

News reports had initially put the number of employees affected at 1.2 million people. Individuals whose informa-tion was lost will receive a letter from the company explaining the situation and assuring customers they are monitoring the situation.

The bank has set up a toll-free phone number, (800) 493-8444, where customers can ask additional questions. The company is recommending that all affected cardholders watch their travel ac-counts and credit reports for unusual activity.

The company has agreed to make free credit reports available to customers upon request.

In a statement, Teresa McKay, the Defense Department's deputy chief financial officer, echoed the bank's ad-

"It's always prudent for any cardholder to monitor their monthly statements and dispute any charges they may question, and also it's important for all of us to get a credit report at least once a year and look at the content of that re-port," she said.

Pentagon officials said the DOD contracts out about 1 million travel cards annually to Bank of America, and there are no current plans to change that arrangement.

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Second-graders celebrate Dr. Seuss it, it melts on you," said Jasmin

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -Second-graders at Sollars Elementary School wore pajamas and tall red-and-white paper hats to school, ate green eggs and made a sticky goo on Wednesday that would make their mothers shriek. The fun was all in the name of

celebrating the 101st birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss. Just as Seuss told life lessons

through wacky creatures and plays on words teachers Stephanie Bullard and Cynthia Schwartz made the unusual day about education.

"They really get the message

that learning is fun, that we can enjoy school," Schwartz said. dents later had a lesson in math

Green eggs and fun at Misawa elementary school

Bullard said that many schools celebrate reading and Seuss' birthday on March 2 through a National Education Association initiative called "Read Across America.

Seuss not only made reading fun, she said, "but every story also has an underlying theme and kids can understand that. He brought it down to their level

For Bullard's and Schwartz's 31 second-graders, the day started with a breakfast of scrambled eggs colored with green food dye an image from Seuss' book "Green Eggs and Ham." The stu-

by graphing the 50 words in the story. It was on to science after that. Using corn starch, water and more food coloring, the children created oobleck — a green, gooey substance from Seuss' "Bartho-lomew and the Oobleck."

The most important lesson of all from the experiment, according to student Faith Moss: "Remember to have three napkins under it because it sticks on your tablecloth and it sticks forever."

The claylike concoction was a popular conversation topic among

"When you put your finger on

Przysucha "It looks like ghost slime," said

Preston Miller, who was then at a loss to explain exactly what ghost slime was. The students also made "Cat in

the Hat" top hats out of red and white construction paper and read their favorite Dr. Seuss books in the afternoon

Seuss, born Theodor Geisel, died in 1991. He wrote 46 books. Faith said she liked "The Foot Book" best. "It rhymes with words you can remember." she said, reciting, with help from classmate Alexis Beshears, "Left foot, left foot, right foot, right.

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General: DOD to add special ops troops

By LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department will add about 2,300 new special operations forces to its rolls over the next four years, including two Navy SEAL team equivalents and about 500 Green Berets. the commander of U.S. Special Operations

Command told Congress this week. Gen. Bryan D. Brown said the extra personnel are needed to keep up with the current demand on the elite teams, both for small-scale individual missions and as support for larger, multiforce operations

"The old paradigm was any place, any-time." Brown said. "Today, we are focused on key areas that have an impact on the global war on terror.

About 1,400 of those new troops will be ready by October 2006, Brown said. Recruitment and training for the posts usually take 12 to 24 months.

erations personnel have been deployed worldwide, the highest sustained level of activity ever, Brown said

About 20 percent of that number are reservists, mostly serving as civil affairs and psychological operations officers.

While other military specialties are facing recruiting and retention shortfalls, Brown said he has not seen similar problems so far. All special operations personnel are eligible for education benefits, and other targeted horrises have also kent anplicants interested.

But he did admit that the global demand on the special forces "has stretched the ability to train at the level we would like

The defense budget under consideration before Congress does include additional money for training and support services for the special operations teams. Brown future personnel meet the same standards as existing troops

New focus on drugs

Gen. John P. Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command, told members of the House Armed Services Committee that military forces in Afghanistan need to focus on counter-narcotics work as well as counter-terrorist efforts for that country's new government to succeed.

"There's no doubt we have to be concerned about poppy cultivation and the drug trade." he said, "Counter-drug needs to be up on the overall strategy list

He added that he expects the process of removing the lucrative, illegal drug sales from the Afghan economy to be a long and difficult process

"What we don't want to do is adont a nmgram that will send the country back into

insurgency," he said. "We have to have a smart, well-organized strategy that doesn't penalize the poor farmer who doesn't have any other choices."

However, Abizaid noted that U.S. forces cannot simply decide to take the lead role

in ending Afghanistan's drug trade. Currently British authorities in Afghanistan are charged with monitoring and pursuing international narcotics issues within Afghanistan, and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officials oversee all American anti-drug efforts around the world.

Special Forces troops deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom have conducted some reconnaissance and narcotics seizure over the last several years. Brown

Abizaid said Afghan officials have begun addressing the problem with new counter-narcotics teams and a special panel to investigate the issue.

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Mullen selected to replace Clark as top naval officer

By JON R ANDERSON

Stars and Strines

The commander of Navy forces in Europe has been tapped to become the Navy's top sailor.

Adm. Michael Mullen will re place Adm. Vern Clark as the 28th Chief of Naval Operations, pending approval of his nomination by the Senate.

Clark has served as CNO since July 21, 2000 - the second longest serving CNO in Navy history and plans to step down this

A 1968 Naval Academy graduate, Mullen has lived in Europe for only a few months, wearing two hats as the commander of the London-based U.S. Naval Forces, Joint Force Command in Naples,

Italy, Mullen over those jobs on Oct. 8

During that short time he's pushed to accelerate the the overhaul of Navy forces in Europe part of the formation'

effort across Europe. With the still-pending relocation of his Navy headquarters from London to Italy, for example, Mullen has

Europe and the head of NATO's already moved a substantial portion of his staff to Naples.

Before his assignment to Eu rope, Mullen was Clark's deputy as Vice Chief of Naval Operations from 2003 to 2004

Fleet assignments during his 36 years of service have included command of the George Washington Battle Group, the supply ship Noxubee, the guided-missile de stroyer Goldsborough and guided-missile cruiser Yorktown

"Adm Mullen is a hold and visionary leader who has served his nation brilliantly for over three decades. Our Navy is truly fortunate to have him assume the watch." Clark said in a statement.

Known as much for his skill in navigating the tricky political waters of Washington, D.C. as for his sea-faring sayyy, Mullen is described as bringing just the right

blend of skills to the job. "If you're looking for a guy who has a good balance between the operational side of the Navy and business side, you'll be hard pressed to find someone better than Mullen," said another fellow

admiral privately "Adm. Mike Mullen is a highly professional and effective leader who has served the Navy and our nation well throughout his naval career," said Navy Secretary Gordon England in a statement. "We worked together when he was Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and I look forward to working with him again in making our

Navy strong and ready to meet future challenges.

A native of Los Angeles, Mullen has also been one of the main architects of Navy's new ap-proach to training carrier and expeditionary strike groups for over-

seas deployments.
"The only constant in the Navy's future is change," Mullen re-cently told sailors at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, accord-ing to the Navy release. "Change is hard. I know that. But we are up against a new and elusive enemy. The only way we can win is to transform, to change the way we think about war, as well as the way we fight it. Second place is

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not an option."

Marines to add recruiters to the ranks in next 2 years

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Marine Corps will add recruiters to its ranks over the next two vears as those tasked with selling service in the Corps face an increasingly tough mission, according to Marine officials.

The plan will formalize unofficial increases to the recruiting ranks over the past few years said Recruiting Command spokesman Mai, Dave Griesmer.

Officially, the recruiting rolls will go from 3,008 to 3,433 recruiters, he said. But at any given time over the past five years, the actual numbers of recruiters has been closer to 3,300

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have been a drain on the field. Assignments managers in the Corps have had to put orders for recruiting duty for many Marines on hold as their units have gotten orders for combat duty. But Griesmer said the recruiting rolls still are above 3,150 even with that manpower drain

"This is more of a reshuffling than a big influx of recruiters," said Griesmer. "It's something we've been planning for about a year now."

Still, the influx comes as the Corps is struggling with meeting its recruiting goals

"What the recruiters are telling us is that they

have to spend more time with the parents." Marine Corps commandant Gen. Michael Hagee told reporters last week. "Parents have influence, and rightly so, on the decision these young men and woman are going to make.

"[Parents are] saying, 'It's not maybe a bad

idea to join the Marine Corps, but why don't you consider it a year from now, or two years om now. Let's think about this In January, recruiters - for the first time in

years - failed to meet their internal goals for signed new contracts, Griesmer said, missing the mark by 2 percent, or 84 of the 3,270 volunteers they'd hoped to sign up.

The Marines caution against reading too much into the statistic, as a monthly goal can itself be changed, and is affected by retention, retirements and a host of other factors

And recruiters exceeded the goal for enlistees that actually shipped out to basic training by roughly same amount. New recruits can ship out up to one year after signing their enlistment contract.

The influx also comes as the Marine Corps looks to increase its overall active-duty rosters from 175,000 to 178,000 this year. "That's not a direct reason why we're doing this, but it cer-tainly contributes," said Griesmer.

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Purification ceremony for new Navy Exchange



From left, Lt. Cmdr. Brett Blanton, Sasebo Public Works Officer; Capt. Michael mes, Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo; and Capt. William Grip, NEXCOM Corporate Facilities Division director from Virginia Beach, use sickles to assist in the "reclamation of the land" during a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Navy Exchange on Monday at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan. The ceremony was led by a Shinto priest, who performed purification, prayer and nectar-offering rituals. The new Navy Exchange will be on Sasebo's main base and is due to be completed in January 2006.

IN THE WORLD

N. Korea demands apology from U.S.

North says return to six-way talks possible if Washington cooperates

BY SANG-HUN COEH The Associated Press

SEOUL - North Korea demanded Wednesday that the United States apologize for designating the communist state as an "outpost of tyranny," and threatened resume long-range missile tests

However, the North also held out the possibility of returning to nuclear disarmament talks if

Washington agrees to coexist with the comcounmunist

try. North Korea or declared on Feb. 10 that it had nuclear weapons and was hoveotting six-nation talks aimed at ending its nuclear ambitions. At time, cited U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's designa

tion of the coun

try as one of the

posts of tyran-

ny" as evidence that Washington has not abandoned its "hostile" policy toward North Korea since President Bush first included it in his "axis of evil," along with Iran and prewar

Iraq "The U.S. should apologize for his above-said remarks and withdraw them, renounce its hostile policy aimed at a regime change in the DPRK and clarify its political willingness to coexist with the DPRK in peace and show it in practice," the North Korean Foreign Ministry said in a memorandum, using the acronym of the country's formal name — Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The original Korean-language statement also said that North Korea no longer felt bound by its 1999 moratorium on missile tests, according to South Korea's Yon hap news agency.

North Korea announced its mismoratorium in September

1999 while it was negotiating terms of missile nonproliferation the administration then-President Bill Clinton

"Dialogue between the United States and North Korea has been completely blocked since Bush took office in 2001," Yonhap quoted the memorandum as saving 'As a result, we see no binding force on the missile moratorium North Korea shocked the region

in 1998 by test-firing a Taepodong-1 missile over Japan 44 Dialogue between and into the Pacific Ocean

the United States The North said it was an atand North Korea tempt to put a has been satellite in orbit completely blocked Taepodong-1 since Bush took 1 500-mile range. South office in 2001. As a Korean cials say. North result, we see

Korea reportedly is conductno binding force ing engine tests on the missile for its Taep-odong-2 model moratorium 11 that would be capable North Korean memorandum reaching the western United

> Washington says North Korea is a top global exporter of missile parts and technology. The Clinton administration held talks with North Korea on curbing its missile development, but no agreement was reached

States

When he visited Pyongyang in 2002, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi won a North Korean promise to keep its missile moratorium. But relations between North Korea and Japan have recently deteriorated over a dispute over the fate of Japanese citizens kidnapped to the North in the 1970s and 80s.

"Japan has no right to partici pate in six-party talks since it is a complete pawn to the Amerithe memorandum was quoted as saying. It criticized moves by some Japanese politicians to impose economic sanctions against the North.



Sirous Nasseri, head of the Iranian delegation, speaks to the press after the morning session of the International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors on Wednesday at Vienna's International Center.

S. accuses Iran of deceit

BY ANDREA DUDIKOVA The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The United States accused Iran on Wednesday of "cynically" pursuing nuclear weapons, saying Teh- ran's claims that its aims were peaceful constituted willful deceit and required action by the U.N. Security Council

Jackie Sanders, chief U.S. delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency board of governors, also urged North Korea to scrap its nuclear weapons program and resume negotiations.

North Korea "needs to make a strategic choice to step off the dangerous path it has set for itself,' Sanders said.

The 35-member IAEA board sought agreement on a statement urging the North to return to negotiations and end nuclear threats

Sanders' comments were in response to an agency update on Tehran's nuclear record after more than two years of examination.

IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei said the "ball is very much in Iran's court to come clean" by cooperating with the agency to clear away lingering suspi-cions of possible nuclear weapons ambitions.

Sanders characterized the IAEA report as a "startling list of Iranian attempts to hide and mislead and delay the work" of agency experts probing the country's nuclear activities.

Iran to the U.N. Security Council where it could face sanctions — which past board meetings have re-fused to do — Sanders said, "the board has a statutory obligation to so.

The IAEA review noted that while Iran allowed inspectors an initial Parchin military complex visit in mid-January, the experts' visits were limited to one site and only five buildings on that site. A new request to revisit another part of the site was refused by Iran on Sunday, the report added.

The United States alleges that Iran may be testing high-explosive components for nuclear weapons, using an inert core of depleted uranium at Parchin as a dry run for a bomb that would use fissile materi-

Iran asserts that its military is not involved in nu-clear activities, and the IAEA has found no firm evidence to the contrary. The agency also has not been able to support U.S. assertions that nearly 20 years of covert nuclear programs discovered more than two years ago were aimed at making nuclear weap-ons — not generating electricity, as Tehran claims. But Iran insists on its right to enrichment.

"This is something that is not on the table and will not be on the table," senior Iranian envoy Sirous Nasseri told reporters, saying his country had "gone through blood and sweat and tears" to develop the

Strong quake rattles Indonesia

TOKYO - A powerful earthquake struck eastern Indonesia late Wednesday, meteorological

off as Australia.

encies said, and was felt as far The 7.2 magnitude quake did not trigger a tsunami; it was centered about 200 miles southeast of Ambon in the Banda Sea Janan's Meteorological Agency said Officials at Indonesia's Meteo

rology and Geophysics Agency said there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, per haps because of the quake's depth - 117 miles under the seabed and distance from the mainland.

It was not immediately clear if residents in Ambon, the capital of Maluku province, felt the quake. But residents in Australia's north ern city of Darwin said they could feel their houses shaking

Japan's Meteorological Agency said last month it would start issu ing bulletins on earthquakes powerful enough to trigger tsunamis - meaning those measuring magnitude 7 and above - even when they occur far from Japan.

The agency also said last month it and the United States would begin providing tsunami warnings to countries around the Indian Ocean as a temporary measure until the region establishes its own alert system.



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A heavily armed police officer patrols the tracks below Grand Central Station in New York on Wednesday. A Spanish newspaper reported Wednesday that a suspect in the March 11 Madrid train bombings had plans with him on the possibilities of an attack on New York's Grand

Madrid bombing suspect had sketch, data of NYC train terminal on disk

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A crude sketch of Grand Central Terminal was found in the home of a suspect in the Madrid train bombings, but it was never deemed a cause for alarm. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said on Wednesday

The one-page, hand-drawn document "was a very basic schematic," Kelly said at a news conference. "It's not an operational plan. It's not something that would indicate an immediate threat

Kelly was responding to a re port in the Spanish newspaper El Mundo saying the drawing and other data were on a computer disk seized about two weeks after the train bombings in Madrid that killed 191 people on March 11,

Spanish police turned the disk over to U.S. agents from the FBI and CIA in December, Kelly said the data - found on the disk of a laptop computer - also was shared with the New York Police Department's counterterrorism division and city transit officials, who concluded the sketch depicted Grand Central

The evidence also included pho-

a private building in the city, which Kelly refused to identify. But an analysis found no indication of a terrorism plot, and authorities quickly decided there was no need to alert the public, he said.

"We didn't see it as a threatening piece of information," he said. On Wednesday at Grand Cen-

tral, visible security was at its usual high level, with National Guard, machine-gun-toting law bomb-sniffing enforcers and dogs

The NYPD's intelligence division studied the bombings in Madrid, which killed 190 people. as a possible template for a New York attack. The department responded by tightening security in the subways and at commuter train stations - measures that were in place long before the city received word of the Grand Cen tral sketch

"This is not something I think people should be panicked about or worried about," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said in a radio interview on Wednesday, "We took the appropriate steps and we do not think that in that particular case there was a real plan to attack Grand Central."

Associated Press Writers Verena Dobr in New York City and Daniel Woolls in Madrid contributed to this report.

U.S. asked to drop anti-abortion stance

UNITED NATIONS - The United States came under pressure Wednesday from the European Union and many countries to drop its demand to add anti-abortion language to the final declaration of a high-level U.N. meeting promoting a landmark platform adopted in 1995 to achieve women's equality.

There were indications that President Bush's administration was

reviewing its position

The 25-member EU, which includes Washington's closest ally, Britain, has told the U.S. administration collectively and individually that it won't support the proposed U.S. amendment, EU diplo mats said. The U.S. amendment would say the platform adopted at the U.N. women's conference in Beijing does not guarantee the right to abortion

Delegates from many other countries attending the two-week meeting to take stock of global efforts to implement the Beijing platform also have informed U.S. officials of their opposition to amending the final declaration — and hundreds of nongovernmental organizations focusing on women and human rights have issued similar

From The Associated Press

U.N. peacekeepers kill 60 **Congolese rebels in battle**

The Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo - U.N. peacekeepers killed as many as 60 militiamen in a stepped-up campaign to clear northeastern Congo of rogue gunmen who have preyed on residents for years and are suspected in the recent slaying of nine peacekeepers, U.N. officials said Wednesday.

The peacekeepers, backed by an attack helicopter and responding to fire, killed more people than in any other operation during their six-year mission in Congo

Tuesday's gunbattle between 242 Pakistani peace keepers and militia fighters broke out at a heavily fortified militia camp near the village of Loga, 19 miles north of Bunia, the capital of the lawless Ituri province, said Col. Dominique Demange, spokes man for the U.N. forces in Congo.

Militia fighters opened fire on approaching peacekeepers with heavy machine guns and anti-tank artillery, said Demange.

Peacekeepers fired return salvos and called in an attack helicopter against the barricaded fighters, said Demange. He said between 50 and 60 militia members had been confirmed dead.

Two peacekeepers were wounded in the barrage of gunfire and evacuated to South Africa, said U.N. spokeswoman Eliane Nabaa

The militia, which belongs to the ethnic Lendu political party Nationalist and Integrationist Front, has been terrorizing villages of the rival Hema tribe for months. Tribal fighters have killed dozens of people, looted and burned homes, and forced more than 70,000 people to flee to the hills since December.

The United Nations suspects the same militia is responsible for slaying the nine Bangladeshi peacekeepers in a well-executed ambush on Feb. 25

"This group continues to loot, kill and rape these people, making life miserable," said Nabaa. "It's time to put an end to this militia." The violence is taking place against a stunning

backdrop of sweeping, grassy hills and a patchwork of farms and thatched huts. "Our forces will keep putting pressure on the ground until these militia are dismantled entirely.

Gen. Jean-François Collot d'Escuries, chief of staff for U.N. troops in Congo, told reporters. In January, hundreds of peacekeepers were dispatched to several areas of the isolated territory to provide security and allow humanitarian groups to

Cancun cops charged with helping drug traffickers

By MARK STEVENSON The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY - Prosecutors said they are charging 40 people including local, state and federal police in Cancun — for running a drug ring or aiding in the murder of fellow officers.

The charges are the result of au thorities' efforts to bust one of Mexico's largest police-protection rackets and come after three federal agents were killed in November

The three were apparently gunned down by the Zetas after the agents' colleagues fingered them. The Zetas are a feared gang of drug hit men led by deserters from an elite Mexican army unit.

The grim scenario of police corruption became even darker Tuesday when prosecutors explained why the three were killed: The drug hit men were looking for money and cocaine police allegedly stole when they staged an illegal November raid on a Cancun house.

So ugly were the revelations that Mexico's top anti-drug prose-cutor, Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos, said those arrested "have dirtied us, and dirtied the good name of Mexicans."

Prosecutors have arrested 25 police officers and two civilians. and were searching for 13 more

The charges illustrate how traffickers continued to infiltrate the area around the Caribbean resort despite a crackdown following the 2001 arrest of the state's former governor on drug charg-

Eight of the suspects were charged with homicide or being accessories to homicide. Officials said they identified and gave drug gunmen information about the three federal agents whose bodies were found on the outskirts of Cancun on Nov. 25, along with two civilians believed to be

A total of 25 suspects - including some of those charged with homicide - were facing organized crime and drug trafficking charges. They included federal

police agents and state police officials assigned to the Cancun area. and municipal police employed di-rectly by the Cancun city govern-

The charges extended to the highest levels of the local police structure, including the Mexican equivalent of the FBI.



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Rules don't keep women out of combat

Nature of current war shows noncombat troops are targets

BY ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - When a roadside bomb in Iraq exploded on Feb. 9, Army Sgt. Jessica M. Housby became the 21st female soldier killed in action since the

war began nearly two years ago. That may seem a small number, given that hostile deaths among U.S. troops recently surpassed 1,000 and is getting closer to 1,500 when fatal accidents and other nonbattle deaths are includ-

But by historical measure it is high, and reflects the fundamentally different nature of this war, where even a truck driver such as Housby is a target.

No one is suggesting that women be kept off the modern-day battlefield. But some question whether an Army that is being reconfigured to respond swiftly and more effectively to conflicts such as the one in Iraq is placing some female soldiers in what amounts to the front lines

of fighting. As in past wars, women are barred from units assigned to direct ground combat. That keeps women out of the infantry, armor, artillery, combat engi-neers and Special Forces. But it does not keep them out of danger.

The nature of combat itself has changed a great deal in Iraq since the toppling of Baghdad in

In Iraq, there is no front line in the traditional sense of armies fighting armies

Thus it is not just infantrymen, trained to kill in close combat, who are dving in Iraq, although they are taking the heaviest losses. Soldiers whose roles are categorized as "support," where most of the women in the U.S. military are found, sometimes find them-selves in the insurgents' line of

Housby, 23, from Rock Island Ill., had been in Iraq since October as a member of the Illinois Army National Guard's 1644th Transportation Company. Two other female soldiers of the Illinois Guard have been killed in Iraq - one by mortar fire, the

other by a roadside bomb. In all, 31 female U.S. soldiers have died in the Iraq war, including 10 whose deaths were declared nonhostile, according to the Pentagon.

In the 1991 Gulf Persian War, five women were killed in action and 10 were nonhostile casualties. In the Vietnam War, women's roles were restricted to administrative, medical and communications work that was mostly performed in more secure rear areas. During that war, only one woman was killed in ground comhat. Five others died in military plane and helicopter crashes; two died of medical problems.

Shortly after the Gulf War, the Pentagon opened more military jobs to women, including piloting attack and scout helicopters. The military also spelled out the kinds of assignments that would remain off limits - any job requiring a female soldier to "physically collocate and remain with ground combat units that are closed to women.

The distinction then was clear. Now, the Army is redesigning its main fighting forces to make them "modular." or interchange-

Some in Congress are asking

Female troop deaths second only to WWII

Since the start of the conflict in Iraq in March 2003, at least 33 military women from three countries have died - a distant second to the 432 LLS, servicewomen who died in World War II

Deaths in Iraq of military women by state, 2003-present

One Two Three



*One officer died, all others were enlisted

Other conflicts (military women deaths)

WORLD. KORFAN VIETNAM

CURRENT PERSIAN GULF WAR *6 killed in action, 2 died of illness

WAR Sources: Department of Defense: Women's Research & Education Institute

letter or the spirit of the policies meant to keep women out of di-

rect combat. Rep. Duncan Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said recently that

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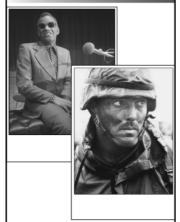
and readiness, said his office is "working closely with the Army staff" to review the matter.

Army leaders say they see no reason to doubt that the policy against assigning sex-integrated support companies to ground combat battalions is the correct



Matthew Bundy, the brother of Army Sgt. Jessica M. Housby, an Illinois National Guardsman killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq, places a rose on her casket on Feb. 19. Deborah Bundy, Housby's mother, right, stands holding a U.S. flag during the ceremony in Rock Island, III.

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Iraq war crimes tribunal judge slain U.S. deaths

Two car bombs kill at least 12 Iraqi troops

BY TODD PITMAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Gunmen killed a judge and lawyer working for the tribunal that will try Saddam Hussein and members of his former regime, a day after the secret court referred five of the ousted dictator's aides to trial for alleged crimes against humanity, officials and a

relative of the slain men said Wednesday. While a tribunal official indicated the shootings may have been due to a personal dispute. one of the judge's surviving sons disagreed He said the two were assassinated either because they worked for the court, or because they were minority Kurds.

News of the deaths came as two car bombs exploded in the capital, killing at least 12 Iraqi soldiers and wounding dozens of others, an Interior Ministry official said. The first blast targeted an Iraqi army base in central Baghdad, killing eight troops and wounding at least 25. A second car bomb an hour later at an army checkpoint in south Baghdad killed four sol-

National Security Adviser Mouwafak al-Rubaie vowed the government would hunt down those responsible. Another blast Mon-day in Hillah, south of Baghdad, killed 125 people - the deadliest single car bombing since Saddam was toppled in 2003.

"The bombings in Hillah and again in Baghdad this morning are not going to derail the political process that Iraq is embarked upon, al-Rubaie said in a statement Wednesday. "The Iraqi government will go after and hunt down each and every one of these terrorists whether in Iraq or elsewhere."

The two slain men in Baghdad were judge Barwez Mohammed Mahmoud al-Merwani and his son, lawyer Aryan Barwez al-Merwani, according to one of the judge's sons, Kikawz Barwez Mohammed al-Merwani. He



Two boys catch the spray as a man hoses down a burning car in Ramadi, an insurgent stronghold 70 miles west of Baghdad, on Wednesday. Clashes erupted between U.S. forces and gunmen after insurgents detonated a roadside bomb as a U.S. convoy passed. The explosion missed the convoy but damaged two civilian cars.

said gunmen in a speeding car raked the pair with gunfire as they were trying to get into a vehicle outside their home. The shootings in northern Baghdad's Azamyiah district on Tuesday marked the first time any legal staff working for the Iraqi Special Tribunal have been killed.

A day before the killings, the tribunal had issued referrals for five former regime members - including one of Saddam's half brothers - for crimes against humanity. Referrals are similar to indictments, and are the final step before trials can start.

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The first car bomb exploded outside an Iraqi army base in central Baghdad that occunies the former Muthanna airport, which has been targeted by insurgents several times over the past year.

An Interior Ministry security official, Ayad al-Maliki, said six people were killed and 25 people were wounded in the blast, 15 of them civilians. A senior Interior Ministry official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. said at least eight people died in the blast.

About an hour later, another car bomb exploded in southern Baghdad's Doura neighborhood, killing four Iraqi soldiers at an army checkpoint and wounding three others, police said on the condition of anonymity.

Associated Press reporters Sameer N. Yacoub, Patrick Quinn and Rawya Rageh in Baghdad contributed to this report.

in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, at least 1,499 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1.139 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Depart-

The figures include four military civilians. The AP count is nine higher

than the Defense Depart-ment's tally, last updated at 10

a.m. Tuesday. The latest deaths reported by the military:

A U.S. soldier died Tues-

day from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident near Beiji,

Iraq.
The latest identifications re-

ported by the military:

Army 2nd Lt. Richard B. Gienau, 29, Longview, Iowa; died Sunday in Ramadi, Iraq, from injuries sustained when an explosive hit his vehicle; assigned to the National Guard's 224th Engineer Battalion, Burl-

Army Pfc. Min S. Choi, 21, River Vale, N.J.; died Saturday in Abertha, Iraq, when an ex-plosive detonated near his patrol; assigned to the 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division,

Fort Stewart, Ga.

Army Pvt. Landon S.
Giles, 19, Indiana, Pa.; died Saturday in Abertha, Iraq, when an explosive detonated near his patrol; assigned to the 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regi-ment, 4th Brigade, 3rd Infan-

ment, 4th Brigade, 3rd Infan-try Division, Fort Stewart, Ga. ■ Army Pfc. Chassan S. Henry, 20, West Palm Beach, Fla.; died Friday in Ramadi, Iraq, from injuries sustained in an explosion; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regi-ment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, South Korea.

Army Staff Sgt. Alexander B. Crackel, 31, Wilstead Bedford, United Kingdom; died Thursday in Iraq's Anbar province from small arms fire; as-signed to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, Camp Hovey, South Korea.

Hovey, South Korea.

■ Army Spc. Michael S.

Deem, 35, Rockledge, Fla.,
died Thursday in Baghdad
from noncombat related injuries; assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Abizaid: Iraqi insurgency's strength waning

By ANN SCOTT TYSON The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. forc-es in the Middle East, said Tuesday that the strength of the Iraqi insurgency is waning as a result of momentum from elections, and he predicted Iraqi security forces would be leading the fight against insurgents in most of Iraq by the end of 2005.

While acknowledging that Iraq's Sunni Arab insurgency gained intensity from November through January compared with the previous year, Abizaid told a Senate panel that the insurgents failure to disrupt Jan. 30 elections marked a turning point and indicated declining popular support. Insurgents fielded

"around 3,500" fighters on election day, he said, citing U.S. intelli-gence estimates. Earlier U.S. intelligence had put the number of core Iraqi and foreign fighters at as many as 20,000.

"Why didn't they put more peo-ple in the field? Where were they?" Abizaid asked in testimony before the Senate Armed Servic es Committee



Gen. John Abizaid, commander of the U.S. Central Command, appears before the Senate Armed Services Committee for testimony regarding a defense authorization budget request for military strategy and operational requirements Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

They threw their whole force at us, and yet they were unable to disturb the elections. I think that the voting in Iraq, the political process that's going on ... have driven those numbers (of insurgents) down."

Abizaid's remarks came in a relatively upbeat assessment of the war in Iraq and political progress elsewhere in the Middle East and Central Asia, where he oversees American forces as head of U.S. Central Command His comments were somewhat unusual because other senior U.S. defense and military officials have been reluctant in recent weeks to quantify the Iraqi insurgency, despite

questioning from Congress.
Still, Abizaid warned that the insurgency tends to ebb and flow from region to region depending on political events and military offensives — and he said more vio-lence is inevitable. Moreover, he said foreign fighters flowing across the border into Iraq from Syria remain a threat that the Syrian government has not done enough to stop, despite its hand-over to Iraqi officials in recent days of Saddam Hussein's half

About 90 battalions of Iraqi se curity forces are lightly armed and have limited mobility around the country compared with U.S. troops, he said, but their chief troops, he said, but their chief weakness is a fledgling chain of command. To bolster Iraqi capa-bilities and leadership, the U.S military plans to increase the number of advisers embedded with Iraqi forces.

Asked by lawmakers about irregular Iraqi militia springing up around the country, Abizaid said the help of such militia in providing security for the elections was "in some ways a good thing." In the long run, however, they should be incorporated with Iraqi government forces. "Ultimately ... it's destabilizing," he said.

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IN THE STATES

Court weighs Commandments debate

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - Ten Commandments displays should be allowed on government property because they pay tribute to America's religious and legal history, the Supreme Court was told Wednesday, in cases that could render a new definition of the role that religion plays in the life of the nation.

"The idea of having a fence around the Ten Commandments to make clear the state has nothing to do with it. I think that is bending it too far," said acting So-licitor General Paul Clement, in arguing against a strict First Amendment wall church and state.

David Friedman, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union who is challenging courthouse displays in Kentucky, countered: "An assertion that the Ten Commandments is THE source. THE foundation of our legal system ... that is simply wrapping the Ten Commandments in the flag, and that's endorsement."

In their comments and questions from the bench, justices were reluctant to adopt a blanket ban on such displays. They struggled to formulate a clear constitutional rule that could determine



The Rev. Ken Johnson, center, from Seaman, Ohio, and the Rev. Rob Schenck, right, president of Faith and Action, join other members of clergy from numerous Christian faiths in prayer services for the Ten andments in front of the Supreme Court in Washington Tuesday.

the fate of thousands of religious symbols on public property around the country, including one in their own courtroom featuring Moses holding the sacred tablets.

Justice Antonin Scalia noted that legislative proclamations and prayer invoking God's name are permissible. "I don't see why the one is good and the other is bad," he said.

In the high court's first confron tation with the Ten Commandments issue in a quarter-century. a case from Texas also was being

Erwin Chemerinsky, a lawyer representing a man who seeks its removal, told the justices the display is a "religious symbol."

The prominence of the display on the Capitol grounds and the fact that so many of the command ments deal with God "does pro mote religion." he maintained.

Monuments carrying the Ten Commandments are common in town squares courthouses and government-owned land around the country. Lawyers challenging these displays argue that they violate the First Amendment ban on any law "respecting an establishment of religion," or simply represent a secular tribute to America's legal heritage.

The question has sparked doz ens of heated legal battles, including one in Alabama by Roy Moore. He lost his job as chief justice a year ago after defying a federal order to remove a 5,300-pound Ten Command-ments monument he had installed in the state courthouse. More than 50 groups have filed

"friend-of-the-court" weighing in on the issue.

About two dozen demonstra-tors gathered in front of the Supreme Court in the icy cold for rallies following a candlelight vigil by supporters of the displays

Hunter Thompson's death

ASPEN, Colo. — The body of Hunter S. Thompson was found in a chair in front of his typewriter with the word "counselor" typed in with the word "counselor" typed in the center of the page, according to sheriff's reports

The word was typed on statio-nery from the Fourth Amendment Foundation, according to reports released Tuesday.

It was not immediately known what significance the word had to the founder of "gonzo" journalism or to his family.

Michael Jackson trial

SANTA MARIA, Calif. Michael Jackson's prosecutors on Wednesday were able to get a witness to mention child molestation allegations that the pop star faced in 1993 but which did not result in charges.

The reference was made by a public relations specialist in front of the jury even though Superior Court Judge Michael S. Melville has not yet ruled on whether prose cutors in the current child molestation case will be allowed to present evidence from 1993

'NYPD Blue' wraps it up

NEW YORK - "NYPD Blue" ended its 12-year run with Detec-tive Andy Sipowicz making a tough decision that put his new

job as commander in jeopardy. The 261st and last episode of the groundbreaking police drama aired on ABC on Tuesday in the States after a one-hour retrospec-

From The Associated Press

Tenn. school bus driver fatally shot

BY GARY TANNER The Associated Press

CUMBERLAND CITY, Tenn. A school bus driver was shot to death as she drove her route Wednesday morning and a male student was taken into custody, authorities said. No students

Law enforcement sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity told The Associated Press that the bus driver died.

At the time of the shooting, the bus was carrying up to 20 students, ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade, said Bill Austin, a supervisor for Stewart County

Tennessee Rureau of Investiga tion spokeswoman Jennifer Johnson said the student taken into custody is 14 years old. Authorities did not immediately give his name.

Fossett keeps flying

adventurer Steve Fossett decided Wednesday to press ahead with his attempt to fly around the world solo without refueling, despite a serious problem

Fossett and his flight crew agreed Wednesday afternoon to

The bus crashed into a utility pole at the driveway of the stu dent's home and knocked out power in the rural neighborhood. A white sheet was draped across the front of the bus and door as authorities investigated

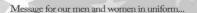
Mitchell Kern, a neighbor who graduated from high school last vear, said the student who was taken into custody had been kicked off the bus a couple of weeks ago for using smokeless to-

"He was a good kid," Kern said. "He listened to his parents: they loved him to death.'

Stewart County school superin-tendent Phillip Wallace declined to identify the driver, other than to say she had worked for the schools for two years

Cumberland City is about 50 miles northwest of Nashville. keep the GlobalFlyer in the air rather than abandoning the

record-setting attempt and turn-SALINA, Kan. - Millionaire ng back for a landing in Japan. He is now heading east over the Pacific Ocean, and the team expects to decide Wednesday night after reaching Hawaii whether to press on to the U.S. with the plane's fuel system.



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COLUMBUS (GA.) LEDGER-ENQUIRER/KRT

Keni Thomas and his band Cornbread perform Jan. 21 in Columbus, Ga. A former Army Ranger who survived a harrowing firefight in Somalia. Thomas realized that, as a singer, holding a microphone could be more important than holding a weapon.

Soldiering on to Nashville

Former Ranger Keni Thomas took long way to country music

Giving back

A portion of Keni Thomas'

CD "Flags of Our Fathers" pro-ceeds will be donated to The

Hero Fund, which Thomas cre-

ated to give scholarships to

children of special operations

solders killed in combat or

training.

More details can be found

BY BRAD BARNES Knight Ridder Newspapers

COLUMBUS, Ga. - Keni Thomas has got this brown T-shirt he wears these days, with the word "Nashville" stamped across the chest.

It's a shirt the singer-songwriter probably wouldn't have pulled on two years ago, unless he was going for irony. His records have always been more Mellencamp than Merle Look at a recent Radio & Records country airplay chart,

though, and you'll find a curious thing. There at No. 41 — right between songs by Tracy Byrd and Trent Willmon, and just a few down from Shania Twain and Alison Krauss - is a song called "Not Me," recorded by one Keni Thomas. The song features vocal support from country royalty Emmy-lou Harris and Vince Gill.

Now, music lovers can find the new album that spawned the song, Thomas' "Flags of Our Fathers." in country bins.

It's a deeply personal album. Some of its 10 songs are drawn from his days as a U.S. Army Ranger, including the harrowing Somalia firefight he survived

The CD is also undeniably a country music record

Thomas had never considered pursuing a country music career. "It's just funny that somewhere down the road, I end up there," says Thomas

"The beauty of putting mileage on your life is you can always look back and you can see, you know, where you were supposed to be," he says. "I mean, how many things had to happen to bump me on the road to Nashville?

Thomas got his start in the band Cornbread, a collaborative effort from four Columbus, Ga., musicians. As original members left, Thomas began replacing them with solid players who didn't have much voice in band decisions or writing. Eventually, Cornbread simply meant Keni Thomas and his tight set of players, often based in Atlanta.

The band created a bit of a buzz with a video filmed in Columbus in 1999. The next year, a single called "Mona Lisa's Smile" was well-received on college stations.

The band soldiered on, and two big breaks came in 2002. First, they scored the opening set for country bad boys Montgomery Gentry, who came out of their bus early to catch Cornbread's set and liked what they heard. Thomas hit it off with the duo, who would later make important introductions in

Later that year, the band was chosen as the local band featured in the movie "Sweet Home Alabama," which starred Reese Witherspoon. The exposure was great, but Thomas was crushed when no Cornbread song ended up on the film's soundtrack.

He began spending half his weeks in Nashville, pairing up with other songwriters to hone his craft and mingle.

Among those he met was producer Brent Maher, who was

well-known on Music Row. One of the acts Maher had discov ered was a set of mother-daughter singers by the name of Naomi and Wynonna Judd.

Maher liked Thomas' writing and signed him to a three-year publishing deal.

But he was also intrigued by the charismat-

ic songwriter's military backstory Thomas, too, found himself thinking about his days as a Ranger more and more. At age 38, he was losing his patience with his music

career's slow progress. He decided to pack up his cowboy boots and pull on his old combat boots. He accepted a job that would take him to Iraq as a security guard for a private company.

His bandmates and friends tried to talk

at: www.herofund.com. him out of it. It was dangerous, and his career was gaining momentum, they said. He told them it would just

be for a few months. That's when the phone rang, and the voice on the other end was from someone who Thomas hadn't heard in about a year. It was Jeff Struecker, who was a fellow sergeant trapped with him during that nightmarish firefight in Somalia — the event detailed in Mark Bowden's "Black Hawk Down," and

later in Ridley Scott's movie of the same name.

"Hey, Keni. I hear you were thinking about heading over there to Iraq," said Struecker, who's now a chaplain.

"I'm going to tell you, you shouldn't go," Struecker said. "I mean, it's an important job. But whether you know it or not, you're kind of the voice of the Rangers right now. ... And your music means something to the guys."

Thomas realized that holding a microphone could be more important than holding a weapon.

Thomas has written songs that dealt with his past. The most autobiographical was one called "Fight I Couldn't Win." in which Thomas wrote, "I ran over to help my friend/I tried to

when Hishia whee, That were in step in yield in the life inside of him/That's a fight I couldn't win."

"Tm a songwriter and a performer," he says. "And what means something to me — I'm now able to get that message

Winfrey snags Oscar winner

It's not always easy to cast an Oscar winner in a TV role, but **Oprah Winfrey** did just that for "Their Eyes Were Watching God.

Although they're friends, Winfrey said she was "a little nervous" about asking Halle Berry to star

in the film be-cause she had won an Oscar for "Monster's Ball."

"I didn't know whether she was going to be, like, Now I have an Oscar. I'm sorry. I cannot talk to vou.' Winfrey said. "No, she's too sweet to do that. But I didn't know whether or

ent men



Halle Berry, left, and Oprah Winfrey

not she would be interested in doing television. Winfrey, who frequently championed books on her daytime talk show, produced the TV movie ad-

aptation of the novel by **Zora Neale Hurston**.

"Their Eyes Were Watching God" also stars Michael Ealy, Ruben Santiago-Hudson and Ruby Dee. Berry stars as Janie Crawford, whose journey takes her through three marriages with very differ-

Stars seek ban on cat, dog furs

Heather Mills McCartney, wife of Paul McCartnev. and Rick Wakeman of Yes campaigned for a ban on cat and dog fur in the European Union.
"It's barbaric that this is going on," McCartney

said holding back tears as she showed a fur coat made from 42 Alsatian puppies.

The United States and Australia have bans on the trade, as well as EU member nations Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece and Italy. The campaigners want the

ban to be extended to all 25 EU nations During Tuesday's campaign

stop, a video was shown of emaciated dogs and cats kept in dark, cramped rooms and cages. The video also portrayed the slaughter of a German shepherd.



The campaigners claim some 2 million cats and dogs are killed each year for their fur, mostly in

China, and shipped to other parts of the world under false labels or no label at all McCartney, whose husband is known for his animal rights activism, criticized the fashion industry

for using furs. "How can anyone think this is beautiful?" she

'Apprentice' winner behind counter

A six-figure salary from Donald Trump didn't keep Bill Rancic, winner of the first season of "The

Apprentice," from landing a job — temporarily — at Home Depot Inc. and Wendy's International Inc. in Northern Vir-On Tuesday, Rancic helped



ment at the Home Depot store in Alexandria and worked the front counter and drive-thru window at Wendy's in Merrifield. It was for a promotion for SnagAJob.com, a recruiting company for hourly jobs. "Although I'm no longer an

hourly worker, I was," said Rancic, who now oversees construction of a Trump building project in Chicago. "My first job, when I was 14, was an hourly job, and that really gave me my foundation."

The Chicago native has worked as an undercover security guard, mowed lawns for a parks department and scooped ice cream at an old-fashioned ice cream parlor. He was an Internet entrepreneur before being

hired by Trump, the host of the NBC reality show, now in its third season

Stories and photos from wire services



Friend of environment given two possibilities in minivans

Click and Clack

Dear Tom and Ray

I am an environmentalist who somehow went and had three kids — one 6-year-old and a pair of 2-year-old twins. My husband wants us to get a van or — heaven forblid! — a sport utility vehicle, but I an trying very hard to hold out util a hybrid version is available OR the government changes its fuel-economy standards so that these larger vehicles will have to do significantly better than 19 miles per gallon. Meanwhile

our Volvo station wagon is pretty much bursting at the seams. Can you suggest ANY environmentally friendly options for my family and me? My husband

and join the circus

says he will welcome your opinion! — Kathryn TOM: That's a tough one, Kathryn. With three little kids, all their stuff and a bursting Volvo, you cer-

tainly qualify for a bigger vehicle.

RAY: Or you have to convince one kid to run away

TOM: I would definitely not get an SUV, because it offers no advantages over a minivan (except, perhaps, styling), and lots of disadvantages. Those disadvantages include fuel economy, ease of entry and exit, ride, handling, safety and the rotten tomatoes being thrown at you by members of the Sierra Club.

RAY: But even minivans, these days, are getting larger and more powerful, thanks to the industry's (and, to be fair, I suppose, its customers') obsession with power over fuel economy. The leading mini-uns all get in the neighborhood of 18-20 mpg in the city, and 24-27 mpg on the highway. That's certainly better than the big SUVs, but it's not as good as it could be, given the technological advances of the past 20 years.

TOM: And hybrid minivans are certainly coming at some point. But they're not here yet.

RAY: So, given that all the major minivans offer similar gas mileage, we'd steer you toward the ones that handle best, ride best and have the best reputation for reliability. Those would be the Honda Odyssey and the Toyota Sienna. We'd actually give the edge to the Honda, since it feels more maneuverable to us (even though the two vans are almost the

exact same size).

TOM: And the Honda now comes with "cylinder deactivation" technology. With that technology, the Odyssey uses all six cylinders when accelerating, but shuts off three of the cylinders when you're just cruising and don't need so much power.

RAY: That feature boosts the Odyssey's fuel economy to 20 mpg city and 28 mpg highway, which puts it at the high end of

y Magliozzi which place the minivan spectrum. That should be enough to allow you to keep your tree-hugger card for another few years. Good luck Kathyyn.

Dear Tom and Ray:
I read a column in the newspaper the other day
by that notorious cheapskate Andy Rooney. He has
a car that requires gasoline with 91 octane (as do I).
He and I have both found that you cannot always
find 91 octane at the pumps. When that happens, I

use 93 and just pay the piper. But the el-cheapo Rooney just puts in five gallons of 89 and five gallons of 93 and calls the mixture 91! Can this be? Is this the way octane works? Please clear this up for me so that I, too, can save some money at the pump. — Stan

RAY: It sure does work that way

TOM: In fact, that's how the pump does it. Most gas stations have only two underground gasoline tanks: one for the lowest octane, and one for the highest octane. Then the pump blends those two to produce everything in between.

RAY: And it's exactly linear, like our pal Andy says it is. So, if you mixed one part 89 and three parts 93, you'd end up with 92. Why you'd want 92, we don't know, but now you know how to make it, Stan

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Troops exempted from bill to make bankruptcy tough

BY MARCY GORDON The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Active-duty military personnel and some veterans who file for bankruptcy got a break from the Senate as it considered ways to toughen laws allowing people to erase their

While senators debated a bill on Tuesday to overhaud the bank-ruptey code. Democrats expressed concern about hardships for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, citing cases of people in the National Guard and Reserves who have seen their businesses fail after they were

called up to serve.
Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., proposed a far-reaching plan to soften the blow of a stricter bankrupt-cy regime on military personnel, but Republicans seized the issue

by offering a narrower proposal. Durbin's plan was defeated by a 58-38 vote. The GOP alternative cleared on a mostly party-line vote, 63-32.

The amendment by Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., would allow for special accommodations for active-duty servicemembers, low-income veterans and those with serious medical conditions in a new income test for bankruptcy applicants. Durbin had proposed exempting members of the military.

"Many men and women in the military are making extraordinary sacrifices," said Durbin. "It's unfair that they should come home to face this new harsh bankruptcy law."

About 16,000 active-duty members of the military file for bankruptcy each year, according to congressional investigators

Supporters predicted an imminent victory after nearly eight years of congressional gridlock and feverish lobbying for the bill by banks and other credit-card issuers

The new "means" test in the legislation is intended to determine whether those seeking bankruptcy protection must repay their debts or are allowed to have them canceled. Under the current system, bankruptcy judges have the discretion to decide that

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In the House, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., has proposed identical legisla-



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Commercial rates
Bahrain (Dinar)
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Canada (Dollar)1.2415
Denmark (Krone)5.6453
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Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Be a discreet tipper

MarketWatch

NEW YORK — If you got exceptional service at your favorite restaurant and left money for the waiter, that's a tip. But if you slip the maitre d' a \$20 bill to get an excellent table, that kind of advance tip is called

Greasing doesn't have to be as slimy as the name implies. Used properly, it can help ensure you get good service when it counts—such as making sure that bottle of champagne you bought for your anniversary is iced and waiting when you arrive at the hotel.

It also indicates to staff that you're willing to tip, so they may go above and beyond the call of duty to make sure you're treated well

Slime enters into the equation when the tip turns into a bribe, such as if you tip a maitre d' with the intent of getting bumped ahead of a long line of hungry restaurant patrons. An advance tip is equally slimy when you aren't discreet.

To discreetly tip:

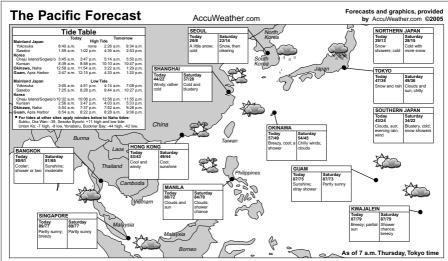
■ Talk to the person in power. Figure out who has the clout to assist you.

■ Speak privately about what you need. Exchanging money openly in front of other patrons puts the "grease" in greasing, and may mean the person you are tipping is less likely to offer extra services.

■ Privacy also comes in handy if you aren't skilled in handing over the money inconspicuously.

■ Fold the bill. Don't just hand the other person a wad of cash. Fold the bill so that it fits comfortably in your palm. Be sure to fold it so that the denomination is still visible and the other person can see what tip you are offering. You might slip in the bill while shaking hands, or simply offer it.

Be sincere. Thank the person for his or her help.



Extended Forecasts

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 41, low 31. Monday: Mostly sunny,

high 47, low 40.

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Sunday: Mostly cloudy high 54, low 47. Monday: Mostly cloudy, high 59, low 52.

SEOUL Sunday: Mostly sunny high 37, low 28.

Monday: Mostly sunny, high 45, low 20.

MANILA Sunday: Periods of clouds and

sunshine, high 84, low 70. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 86, low 72.

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 75. Monday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 75.

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Wednesday's USA Temperatures

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CITY HI	GH/LOW	CITY HI	GH/LOW
Albuquerque	58/35	Los Angeles	67/50
Amarillo	64/34	Little Rock	50/36
Anchorage	30/20	Louisville	39/21
Asheville	40/21	Miami	71/50
Baltimore	38/22	Milwaukee	27/15
Birmingham	53/33	Nashville	47/25
Bismarck	38/15	New York	38/23
Boise	52/33	Omaha	49/23
Boston	34/21	Orlando	63/42
Brownsville	74/58	Philadelphia	39/24
Buffalo	24/16	Phoenix	74/54
Burlington	27/11	Pittsburgh	25/16
Charleston, SC	56/31	Portland, OR	57/40
Charlotte	49/24	Portland, ME	32/16
Cleveland	23/17	Salt Lake City	53/32
Columbus, OH	28/18	St. Louis	45/23
Duluth	24/2	San Antonio	64/49
El Paso	66/40	San Diego	65/56
Hartford	35/16	San Juan	87/72
Helena	53/24	Tampa	64/42
Indianapolis	30/16	Tulsa	58/35
Jacksonville	57/36	Washington, DC	
Kansas City	54/26	Wichita	56/36



U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system will deliver morning rain to Florida on Friday; thunderstorms will rumble in the south. An area of high pressure will provide some sun and a pleasant afternoon for the rest of the Southeast Temperatures will remain below normal in the Northeast, but most areas will be dry; flurries will occur downwind of lakes Erie and Ontario. Another system will spread some snow into the Great Lakes and trigger a few showers in the Ohio Valley While a bit of rain will fall over the Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma, a high pressure will keep the rest of the Plains and Rockies dry. A front will bring some rain to the West Coast.

Friday's Pacific Temperatures Friday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	
Bangkok	80/61	lwakuni	43/27	Sasebo NB	43/27	Acapulco	90/74	Budapest	35/32	Kabul	47/26	Nairobi	88/56	
Beijing	31/15	Kadena AB	57/49	Sapporo	29/13	Athens	54/49	Buenos Aires	90/69	Kiev	26/24	New Delhi	81/57	
Camp Casey	27/7	Kunsan AB	32/14	Seoul	26/8	Auckland	72/60	Cairo	76/50	Kuwait	81/59	Oslo	28/23	
Christchurch	66/52	Kwajalein	87/79	Shanghai	44/22	Baghdad	73/46	Cancun	81/64	London	41/32	Paris	36/34	
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Hagatna	87/75	Misawa AB	30/19	Sydney	87/67	Barcelona	52/34	Geneva	34/26	Mexico City	79/50	Rome	52/36	
Hanoi	54/43	Osan	29/10	Taegu	37/19	Berlin	28/16	Istanbul	47/39	Montreal	22/8	St. Petersburg	19/6	
Hong Kong	53/43	Perth	81/54	Taipei	57/41	Bermuda	58/48	Jerusalem	59/45	Mogadishu	92/76	Stockholm	29/23	
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Cut to heart of transplant shortage

used a Web site to search for a kidney should be barred from a transplant wrongly focuses on the symptom — rather than the problem of the shortage of

Peter A. Brown



lifesaving organs At the risk of offend ing those who might find the analogy cold. the issue is similar to the economic questions we face today.

Public policy focuses less on how to divvv up scarce govdollars ernment among worthwhile programs than on promoting economic

growth to generate larger tax revenues. When it comes to organs, the focus should be less on dividing the existing pie

and more on increasing the overall supply. It is time that Congress rethink the 1980s law, written when transplantation was in its infancy, preventing a potential donor's next-of-kin from receiving money for blessing a transplant. Of course, any change should continue to have doctors designate who gets organs based on medical criteria

Even with the partisanship in Washington, this should be an easy call. Red and blue Americans all think living is better than dving

Compensating live donors is another, thornier question. But why would anyone oppose helping those who authorize the donation of their deceased loved ones' organs to pay for funeral expenses? Who would be the loser? Neither the patient nor the donor's family. The payment level could be set by law and paid by insurers

patients alive.

Of course, it is an emotional matter that will trouble some, and others may oppose transplantation for religious reasons. But

no one would require participation. Or we should adopt the policy of some European countries under which a cadaver is assumed to be a donor absent instructions otherwise or next-of-kin objections. Those nations have a less severe shortage of organs for transplant than the United

U.S. policy requires a person to sign pa-pers declaring himself a donor, or the next-of-kin must be located, and then agree to the donation. Time constraints can make the latter problematic.

These are serious questions policy-makers should focus upon rather than fretting about how communications technology should affect one's ability to search for a donor. It seems obvious that a policy change allowing payment or presumed consent upon death would result in higher donation rates that would benefit Americans overall

However, the unwillingness of Congress to deal with the supply question makes current organ-allocation decisions testy.

For instance, Alex Crionas relocated to Orange City, Fla., from New York because the waiting time for a transplant is general ly shorter, and he sought his own donor. He is reportedly far down the waiting list for a cadaver's kidney, while undergoing dialysis three times a week.

A friend agreed to donate one of his two kidneys, but the organization that oversees organ transplants in the Tampa area refused to allow the operation because Crio nas also had a Web site seeking a donor. The transplant organization in Orlando is evaluating him for it without considering

It is not unusual for those needing a kidnev to find friends, relatives or, in some cases, even total strangers through word of mouth. There are far fewer cases of live donations of liver sections for transplant.

UNOS, the national organization that oversees transplants, has told regional transplant centers to decide their own policies about live donations, including how to deal with those who advertise - as a Houston man did last year to get a liver — to find a match.

At issue is the understandable worry among medical professionals that if patients can advertise for a donor, the existing organ-allocation system could deteriorate into a black market in which money, not medical need, becomes the coin of the realm Regular readers of this column may re-

member I underwent a liver transplant in 2002 after going through the required medical and psychological testing that allows doctors to determine fitness for the transplant. It is not surprising that I embrace the current system in which doctors have the final word. Yet, there is no reason why changing the

donation system to allow payment to next-of-kin, or a law that assumes consent, has to endanger doctor control.

Efforts to improve cooperation between hospitals - more effective communication with next-of-kin, better sharing of information about potential donors, etc. have increased the rate of donations in recent years. Yet, in 2003, the last year for which data are available, there were more than 62 000 Americans who needed an organ transplant but did not get one.

It is time for Congress to get off its duff and do something.

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A good turn for tort reform

The Providence (R.I.) Journal

he worthy cause of tort reform has taken a small step forward.

President Bush has signed a bill that should discourage some of the frivolous class-action lawsuits routinely hurled at companies. The new legislation will not entirely end the epidemic of litigation in our suit-happy society, but it does represent a good start

The law's goal is to stop lawyers from shopping for jurisdictions known to shower plaintiffs with outlandish awards, often based on flimsy claims. The most infamous of these soft spots are in Mississippi and Illi nois. Under the law, claims of more than \$5 million will no longer be heard in a state court, unless the main defendant and more than a third of the plaintiffs are from that state. Now such suits go to federal court.

Whether the law will greatly affect the litigation climate remains unclear. Some legal experts predict that lawyers will break up their cases, to avoid being forced into federal court. That means filing several class-action suits, each for under \$5 million.

And others say it's not clear that federal courts always offer less generous settlements than state courts do. The record is spotty. Meanwhile, there are big questions about the federal courts' capacity to hear a new spate of cases.

Nevertheless, the tort-reform law opens the path for more legislation aimed at reducing lawsuits. Of course, Americans have a right to their

day in court. But there have to be guidelines. The litigation explosion has placed an unfair burden on productive Americans. The new tort-reform law begins to lift it

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury Flashbacks







OPINION

Initiative needs more than show of good faith

s far back as his 2000 campaign, President Bush made govern ment partnerships with religious organizations a centerpiece of his 'compassionate conservative" approach to social welfare programs.

The idea of faith-based initiatives has a lot of appeal, as long as public funds aren't used for religious proselytizing. It is an opportunity to put work in the hands of local people who know their communities best.

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives boasts that hundreds of millions of dollars are flowing to religiously affiliated organizations that pro vide food banks, drug treatment, job training, homeless shelters, counseling centers, after-school programs for children and

But some questions have been raised about how committed the administration really is to this. Two former top officials of the office say the efforts have been far less than promised.

David Kuo, who resigned as deputy director of the office in December 2003, says that the administration reaped great political benefits from a "minimal" commitment to the faith-based agenda and provided no more than "a whisper of what was promised" by Bush.

The administration promised to seek \$6.8 billion for the efforts in his first term, but the programs have received only \$500 million, Kuo said in an essay on Belief-net.org, an independent Web site for discussion of religious issues

That's not entirely Bush's fault. Con-

gress balked at the president's proposed "charitable choice" tax incentive, which would have provided a tax break for charitable contributions made by people who don't itemize their federal tax deductions That worthy idea might have unleashed billions of dollars in new donations to worthy programs. "Republicans were indifferent to the poor and the Democrats were allergic to faith." Kuo wrote. He blamed the White House for failing to bring political pressure to pass the tax measure. "From tax cuts to Medicare, the White House gets what the White House really wants," he wrote. "It never really wanted the 'poor neonle stuff."

Kuo's criticism echoes comments made by John J. Dilulio Jr., who resigned in 2001 after only seven months as the first director of the office of faith-based initiatives. A vear after his departure. Dilulio charged in an interview with Esquire that "Mayberry Machiavellians" in the White House put politics ahead of the office's compassionate conservative mission

It seems that Bush did back away from the "charitable choice" effort in 2001 tax-cut legislation and enacted some scaled-down faith-based initiatives on his own. Little effort has been made to revive the tax proposal. Funding for the office of faith-based initiatives has been flat. Kuo pointed out, while other domestic priorities have been given increases.

Responding to Kuo's comments, a White House spokesman said that Bush remains committed to push faith-based initiatives in the second term.

Presidents have to make choices, and there's no doubt that Bush's efforts to pro-





gress from the get-go. It remains, though, an intriguing and worthwhile idea. Perhaps in a second term, the White House can demonstrate some success in the early. limited efforts of the office of faith-based initiatives, to build more support in Con-

Thousands of local social service programs are getting a welcome federal boost that they might otherwise not have received.

Community-based programs, armed and energized by their personal attachment to

their neighborhoods, tend to do a better and more efficient job than government does of understanding and meeting the needs of the people they serve.

The president's open and honest discus-

sion of faith, and his efforts to support faith-based organizations, undoubtedly contributed to a noticeable improvement in his support from those who attend church services regularly, including black and Latino voters. He showed that it's good policy and good politics.

Faith-based programs should be given a chance to show how much good work they can do. Washington should try to help them do it, instead of standing in the way.

With longer deployments, military path a harder sell

BY JULES WITCOVER Tribune Media Services

WASHINGTON n documentary moviemaker Michael Moore's controversial "Fahrenheit Moore's controversial 9/11" last year, one of the most telling scenes showed Marine Corps recruit ers trying to persuade unemployed young men in Moore's hometown of Flint, Mich., to

sign up, with little success. Just the other night, on the BBC World nightly television newscast, the scene was repeated by National Guard recruiters seeking to get young African-American men in Alabama to do the same, with similar results One of the young men said flat-out that he wanted no part of an enlistment that might put him in Iraq to get shot at and maybe

It's a common reaction these days, as military recruiters are hard-pressed to find youths willing to sign on the dotted line, even with the enticement of honuses that run as high as \$15,000 for new recruits and \$35,000 for re-enlistment of combat veter-

ans of Iraq and Afghanistan. The Marines have been particularly hard hit, having failed to miss their monthly re cruiting quota for the first time in nearly 10

One reason may be, as reported in The New York Times, that the Marine Corps, which constitutes 21 percent of the 150,000 American forces in Iraq, has sustained 31 percent of the U.S. fatalities, as of last Friday standing at 1.480.

The Marines are also suffering a higher rate of suicides — a 29 percent increase last year, according to the Marine Corps commandant, Gen. Michael W. Hagee. All of the 31 Marine suicides were committed by en listed men, most of then not older than 25. and another 83 attempted suicide, according to The Washington Post.

Hagee indicated at a breakfast meeting with reporters the other day that while most of the suicides were not by Marines who had served in Iraq, the related stresses of deployments resulting from manpower demands of the war and other U.S. global obligations had taken their toll

The Marine recruiting experience is being duplicated by the Army and National Guard units in the States, which have also seen a sharp drop-off in recruitment. The Army, which last year had more than 5,200 recruiters seeking enlistees, has added 800 more to drum up new soldiers.

Another major factor in the difficulty of keeping the volunteer Army and particularly the National Guard up to strength has been the uncertainty of tours of duty, as shortages of certain skilled soldiers and interests of maintaining unit cohesion have

produced extensions of service and in overseas assignments.

The disruptions of family life among National Guardsmen who did not anticipate long overseas separations, let alone facing combat, have generated much apprehension and complaining among family members left behind, as well as from the soldiers them-

Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, told the House Armed Services Committee last month that the Guard was "woefully underequipped before the war started" and is supplying more than 40 percent of the combat forces in Iraq. Recruitment had fallen to 30 percent of its goals, requiring a large boost in bonuses.

As a result of the manpower demands of the Iraq war, the Guard has moved a great distance from its former role as a home-defense force often called out to deal with domestic disasters from floods to earthquakes and only occasional tasks of coping with

street unrest and demonstrations.

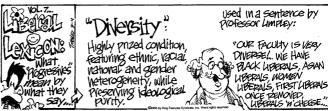
During the Vietnam War, the Guard had few enlistment problems, as young Americans facing the draft vied for available slots as a haven against possible service under fire in Southeast Asia. That clearly is not the case today, when chances of overseas de-ployment are high and extensions of tours, labeled by critics as a "backdoor draft," have made recruitment a major Pentagon headache

As the American engagement in Iraq approaches its third year in three weeks, with no projections from the administration about when it will end, the U.S. armed forces are in an uncommon state of disarray

And those determined military fishers of men dispatched to the nation's working-class neighborhoods are finding it ever harder to bring in an adequate catch

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Running alone

RUTLAND — Mayor John Cassarino is running for re-election, but it's not much of a race. For the second time in his six years as mayor, he has no opponent.

nt's a reprieve enjoyed only once by his predecessor, former mayor Jeffrey Wennberg, who fought off challengers five of the six

times he ran for office. In comparison, Cassarino has been unopposed during two out of his four campaigns for office.

The mayor said he's grateful for another stress-free re-election, adding that he plans to continue moving the city forward in the manner that has been politically successful for him so far.

Bullfighter injured

LA GLORIA — Bullfighter David Renk suffered seven broken ribs and a collapsed lung when he was pinned by a bull at the bloodless bullfight at the Santa Maria Bullring.

Renk was injured when the 1,000-pound bull pinned him to the ground. Fred Renk said his son's condition was improved; he remained in the Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen.

"He got hit hard. The head was on top of him, just kept grinding him in the ring," Renk said in a story The (McAllen) Monitor. "Everybody was out there with a cape trying to take him [the bull] away, but he refused to leave David."

Grandma's drug charges

DANVILLE — A 78-yearold woman faces drug charges and authorities are searching for her 72-year-old boyfriend after police found more than a pound of marijuana stashed in a freezer on her property.

State police arrested Molie Williams after responding to a dispute between her granddaughter and the granddaughter's husband, who were arguing over drugs. Police learned the man allegedly had bought marijuana from Williams, State Police Cpl. Larry O'Bryan said.

Armed with a search warrant

Armed with a search warrant and a drug-sniffing dog, troopers went to Williams' residence near Danville. The dog led troopers to a freezer in an outbuilding where the marijuana, worth an estimated \$4,000, was hidden under frozen meat and other food, O'Bryan said.

meat and other food, O'Bryan said. Williams was jailed and later released on \$15,000 bond

Steamed over smoking

RI PROVIDENCE — Bars, restaurants and businesses are now smoke-free, making Rhode Island the seventh state in the nation to ban puffing in virtually all indoor public places. The other six are California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts and New York.

The smoking ban went into effect even as some lawmakers and bar owners were mobilizing to revise it or challenge it in the courts.

The law covers thousands of bars and restaurants, and all indoor workplaces. But it extends the deadline to Oct. 1, 2006, for bars with liquor licenses that don't serve food and groups formed as private social organizations, such



as the Veterans of Foreign Wars or

Museum has story to tell

CHARLESTON — Charleston's Old Slave Mart, where thousands of blacks were sold during the waning days of slavery, will open as a city museum next year, telling the story of the domestic slave trade.

The Old Slave Mart, a tiny, two-story building in the city's historic district, was used to auction slaves between 1856 and 1863.

As the Civil War approached and public distaste for slave trading grew, the city of Charleston banned sales of slaves in public. That's when the slave mart, with its private courtyard off the street, opened. It did a brisk business. Nichole Green, the museum's cu-

rator, has created a database of stories and catalogued about 150 artifacts from the era.

"We want people to carry these stories with them out of the building," said Green, who is studying at Duke University for her Ph.D. in anthropology.

Not resting in peace

WI SHEBOYGAN — A woman accused of digging up and taking her boyfriend's cremated remains more than a decade ago — and drinking the beer that was bur-



A fruitful run

In between rain showers, Dan Cadigan of Longview, Wash., runs a Lake Sacajawea trail in Longview that has been brightened by a blooming cherry tree. ied with them — was sentenced to 60 days in iail.

Karen Stolzmann,
44, had faced up to nine
months in jail on a misdemeanor charge of concealing stolen property.
Investigators accused

Stolzmann of digging up the ashes of her former boyfriend, Michael Hendrickson, at a Columbia County cemetery possibly out of spite for his family. Hendrickson was 27 when he died in 1992 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. His relatives contacted authorities last fall after

discovering his remains were stolen.

Beer and cigarettes buried with him also were missing.

Investigators were led to Stolzmann, who had lived with Hendrickson and was with him when he shot himself. Both were married to other people at the time.

Hunting for protection

LINCOLN — What do Bigfoot, Noah's Ark and Amelia Earhart's plane have in common? They're all being used to make a point by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, who is taking aim at a measure to protect hunting.

In an attempt to mock the proposed change to Nebraska's constitution, Chambers has filed 35 amendments to protect the hunting of a myriad of other things, including the missing Earhart plane, the ark, Osama bin Laden and the Holy Grail.

"This state is not going to ban fishing, hunting and trapping," said Chambers, who believes the proposal is unnecessary.

While there is no immediate threat, there are animal rights groups that would like to see hunting, fishing and trapping outlawed, said Sen. Ed Schrock, who introduced the measure. "I think we should probably get out ahead of this."

The proposed amendment would add one paragraph to the state constitution that says fishing, trapping, and hunting are a "valued part of the heritage of the people and will be a right forever preserved".

A honky-tonk school

PASADENA — A quarter-century after Gilley's Club became the world's most famous honky-tonk, local school officials plan to turn the site into a middle school.

The Pasadena Independent School District bought the nearly 15-acre site where the club — that with its mechanical bull ride became an international tourist draw after it was featured in the 1980 movie "Urban Cowboy" — once stood in this Houston suburb.

The Pasadena school district agreed to pay nearly \$440,000 in back taxes to purchase the proper-

Seattle fault worries

BELLEVUE — A study by the state Division of Emergency Management concluded that a 6.8 magnitude quake along the Seattle fault would kill 1,660 people, injure 24,200, collapse buildings and bridges and cause \$33 billion in damage.

The 30-mile-long fault runs through the city and suburbs east of Lake Washington.





Taking the dry route Awalkway in uptown Charlotte, people avoided the cold rains that fell in the metro area by using the skyway on their way to work.



Arlington visitors Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Canada geese walk in the snow among the headstones at Arlington National



Never too old Reinaldo Diaz, 21, center left, and Nick Pickett, 24, center right, help area children build a snowman at Fallon Park Elementary School in Roanoke, Va.



A golden surprise Muki Zerr stands on the porch of her home in El Paso, Texas, to look over Mexica gold poppies that have sprung up in her rock-landscaped from yard. Zerr said the poppies have grown at her home during the spring each of the past three years. The poppies grow in a desert area along a road about a mile from Zerr's home. Zerr said she believes the wind blew seeds into her yard where they took root in the dirt below the rocks.



Challenging Work

Jen Salmans of Mount Carmel College of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio,
hammers in a nali on a Habitat for Humanity home in Boytnon Beach, Fla.

Salmans was taking part in Habitat's Collegiate Challenge for students on spring break. Each student paid \$100
to be part of the challenge.



Mother's little helper

J.T. McCardle, 4, helps fold the family laundry at G & G Laundry in Owensboro, Ky.

60 free on pilot program

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — Sixty inmates will be released from the Oklahoma County jail to participate in a program for nonviolent mentally ill people.

Those who succeed in the fourmonth program could be sentenced to probation or other forms of punishment including mental health court or drug court.

Molar Express rolls in

NH LITTLETON — A mobile dentist's office hits the North Country's roads next month to provide care for people who can't afford customary dental visits.

The Molar Express is supported by the North Country Health Consortium and is aimed at providing basic dentistry services, initially to children, in northern Coos and Grafton counties.

"What we're doing is really taking care of the children who are on the Healthy Kids program," said Anne Corridan of Molar Express. Healthy Kids is the state Medicaid program for children.

Twenty-nine percent of children in the North Country are eligible for Healthy Kids, versus 18 percent statewide

No iail for nacho man

MARYVILLE — A man caught by police last summer on his 23rd birthday running naked and covered in nacho cheese has pleaded guilty to burglary, public intoxication and other charges.

But he won't be going to jail. In a plea deal with prosecutors, Michael David Monn was sentenced to three years in prison but was given supervised probation.

Prosecutors said Monn was drunk when he broke into a swimming pool snack bar in July 2004.

A police officer found Monn in the facility's parking lot after Monn had apparently scaled an 8foot-tall fence and was seen running toward a Jeep with a box of stolen snacks and a container of nacho cheese.

In his Jeep, Maryville officers found clothing and an open bottle of vodka.

Delivering the cash

ALBANY — Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., told the state's mayors he's confident lawmakers and the Bush administration will agree on a federal highway spending bill of roughly \$300 billion. Schumer said the deal would fund a number of road projects across upstate New York.

Midwives investigated

FL BRADENTON — Authorities are investigating two women for allegedly acting as midwives without a license after Mara McGlade, 25, died of extensive bleeding and other delivery difficulties last December. McGlade was hospitalized after giving birth to a boy at home and died two days later.

No race for attorney

DES MOINES — Des Moines attorney Doug Gross said he won't seek the Republican nomination for governor in 2006. Gross, who ran unsuccessfully against Gov. Tom Vilsack in 2002, says he's confident he could win the nomination but the strain would be too great for his family

17-year term for slavery

MD GREENBELT — A Maryland woman was sentenced to more than 17 years in prison for forcing a Cameroonian girl to work as a domestic servant for no pay, beginning when the girl was 11.

Theresa Mubang, herself originally from Cameroon, was convicted by a federal jury in November of involuntary servitude and harboring an alien. Prosecutors said she forced the girl to cook, clean and take care of Mubang's young children from November 1996 until November 1998. She also beat the girl, they alleged.

Mubang fled shortly after her conviction and was not in court for the sentencing. Her attorney, Peter Goldman, said Mubang's use of a domestic servant was part of the "cultural norms" she brought from Cameroon, in west Africa.

Sealing up old mines

LORDSBURG — A Truth or Consequences company was awarded a \$173,000 contract to seal the openings to 35 abandoned mines near Lordsburg this year. St. Cloud Mining Co. will backfill most of the openings. Some will be blocked off by gates, allowing access by bats and owls.

Cashing in on trash

PA PEN ARGYL — Garbage pickup is now free in this Northampton County borough. However, officials are still publishing the names and addresses of residents with outstanding garbage bills. The uncollected bills range from \$13 to nearly \$2,500 by the owner of some apartments.

Beneficial rains

PHOENIX — Ravaged by wildfires in recent years, the Southwest could see a quieter fire season in 2005 because of rain storms that have drenched the region this winter, according to a government forecast.

The report predicted significant fire activity will not start until May because trees, shrubs and grass are wetter than normal.

In a region haunted by an almost decade-long drought, some fire seasons have started as early as February and lasted as late as October. The normal fire season runs from May to mid-July.

The added moisture is good for the mountainous high country, but bad for the desert. That is because the longer the moisture lingers in desert areas, the taller and thicker vegetation will grow — providing more fuel for brush fires later in the year.

Show them the money

CHATTANOGA — A group advocating adoption of a state income tax challenged Gov. Phil Bredesen to reveal his funding sources for major initiatives, including higher education, a preschool program and more aid to local governments. Tennesseams For Fair Taxation said their proposal would lower taxes for most residents.

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PEELING TAKEN FOR GRANTED, ARE WE?

Horoscope

The moon enters Capricorn, stimulating an afternoon business rush. Many work late and take work home to do over the weekend. During the night, Mercury enters Aries, giving a fresh start to intellectual pursuits, especially having to do with communication. Consider taking up a new hobby that helps you express yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 4). In this empowering year, you take control of your personal life and so feel better about your role in the outside world. Your health and work situation get a boost this month. April brings a cash infusion. Tackle your environment in the summer - improvement projects change your life. New romance is especially exciting with a Libra or Capricom

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You press the "reset" button on your life. Review your past lists, diaries and goals to see if they still apply. Wealth key: You have access to economic and market data - utilize

it more often. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Accept that you can't know everything, and even an impressive amount of experience can't insulate you from feeling shaky in an unfamiliar territory. You're disarming when

you make a silly mistake. Use it to

your advantage

heart

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are exciting, unpredictable and eccentric. Treat relationships like gold. The temptation is to play games - because you see how gullible others are when it comes to you - but be merciful with a tender

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Look beyond the immediate. Greater things await you if you keep your eye on the goal. Someone who has you on a pedestal may finally get a dose of reality - ultimately better for you both.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The little things are a thrill, like a special phone call, a chance to win a contest or a compliment heard through the grapevine. Get together with family, and there will be hours of sitting around the table and sharing

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Holiday Mathis

You hate being forced to choose, but you must make a decision to be fair to all. It's easy for you to see clearly what others miss If you've gone back on a promise, there's a chance

to make amends tonight. LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Let yourself be inspired by some one - a Leo is a good candidate! A creative project taps your lit-

tle-used talents. Applause from a crowd makes a difference in your confidence, so get in front of the audience if you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Channel nervous energy into work. New romance gets a test; if you have anything in common, you'll still be talking tomorrow. It's in your best interest to make a big deal over a loved one's accomplishments to

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In general, keeping everyone informed is your success key. A loved one doesn't really have your taste but can be (gently!) educated A friend's ex should be out of bounds to you. Forget it

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19). Concentration is sharp early in the day, so do reading or study then. You're the center of the social swirl later - it seems you're the one everyone wants to know. If you are hosting, there will be a guest you didn't expect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Come down to earth; pay attention to details, especially legalities. Look at how much your plans are really going to cost - slightly more than you thought. A course correction will be in order.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Slow, steady work keeps a project moving forward. Avoid risky financial speculations. Discover how you are distinguishable from others who do your job and find ways to capitalize

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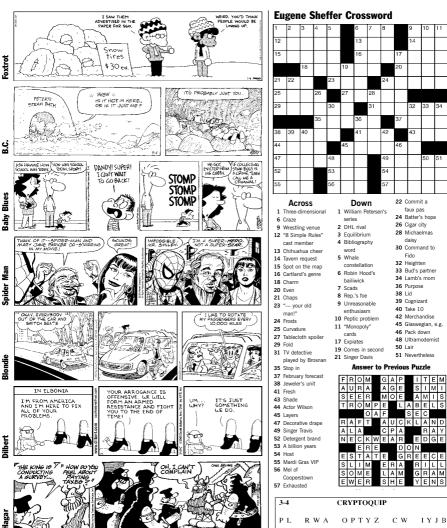






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"TJBJC J K C W H . " Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I FEEL AWFUL FOR CIRCUS ELEPHANTS, WE ALL KNOW THE POOR CREATURES WORK FOR PEANUTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

Good boy. Let's

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Husband's odd remark angers wife

Dear Abby: I have been married to "Herbert" for 27 years, and even though we have had our ups and downs — mostly due to his verbal abuse — I thought we were relatively

happy. I went to visit my parents for a week. When returned, I was telling Herb about a major and exciting change in my relationship with my father, when out of the blue he said, "You know, a guy can't help but onder what it would have been like to have married someone knock-down, drop-dead gorgeous.'

I was dumbfounded When I got up and left the room, Herb became angry and said I must not be "mature" enough to hear his innermost thoughts. Abby, where does a question like that come from? How could I have handled what he said without taking it personally? Am I missing any hidden red

flags here? What would you have said? — Flabbergasted in Ohio

Dear Flabbergasted: You're not missing any red flags with your husband. In the first sentence of your letter you labeled him verbally abusive, and your assessment is on target. Consider

ing that you were suck-er-punched, I'd say you handled the situation with great restraint and maturity. A lesser woman would have replied, "And what makes you think you have what it takes to attract, or to keep, a woman like that

Dear Abby: I am 38

and have never married. When I was in my 20s (and in much better shape) I was looking to settle down and hopefully - marry someone. The women at the time ignored me. I was flat out told things like,

"You're nice, but boring." And, "I'll never date a poor guy

I have often felt, and still do that women look for the "had boy" or the guy with deep pockets. However, it seems that now they're past their prime and have the two kids the bad boy left them with, I am now good enough - even though I haven't changed. I have had more female "encounters" in my 30s than I

ever did in my 20s How do you determine the legitimate ones from the ones who just want you to help raise their kids? If I wasn't good enough for them then, why should they be good enough for me now?

— Not the Consolation Prize Chesterton, Ind.

Dear Not: If you are still see ing women as shallow as the ones you tried to date in your 20s, you should not involve yourself with any of them. From the tone of your letter, I suspect you will be happier remaining single.

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(Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: IDIOT FINIS OLIAVER PUSHER What the kids faced after dinner -

A "DISH-PLITE"

Fiance far too close with ex-wife

Dear Annie: For the past year, I have been dating "Patrick," a won derful man who loves me and my children. The problem? He has an ongoing friendship with his ex-wife and the man she left Patrick for

"Della" and her new husband call us at least once a week to get togeth er and then she reminisc. es about their entire 32-year marriage - the places they went, the people they knew, the things they did.

The first few times, I sat and listened, but I've since let Patrick know I feel uncomfortable during their walks down memory lane He assures me they are just friends and has promised to focus

less on the past.
Recently, Patrick announced to Della that we are engaged. She cried and privately told me she felt jealous. Something seems not quite right about this situation. Though they both say they are just friends, she still acts like a sessive wife. She calls Patrick and confides about her problems



Dear Abby

with her husband, and I recently was upset to learn that Patrick told her about a little spat we had.

Patrick says he wants to stay on friendly terms with Della be cause they have grown children together. I do not want to spend the rest of my life feeling like The Other Woman Any insight you can offer would be greatly

appreciated.

- Please Help Me, I've Fallen in South Dakota

Dear S.D.: It's nice for ex-spouses to remain friendly, but Patrick's relationship with Della is overly chummy. They should not be sharing confidences about their respective significant others. And since Della has made it clear she still carries a minor torch for her ex, this close ness is asking for trouble.

Patrick needs to create some distance from Della so your upcoming marriage will have a chance to cement itself. Insist that these get-togethers dwindle down to a few times a year, and tell Patrick that there will be no more conversations with his ex-wife about your relationship

Dear Annie: I'd like to express my opinion about brides who have their shower guests pre-ad-dress their own thank-you notes. I am offended that I must help the unfortunate bride and groom in a task expressing their gratitude Perhaps smaller guest lists would not overwhelm those couples.

unless you initiate them

Dear L.B.: Showers weren't originally intended to be such enormous affairs, but that genie is out of the bottle. Also, most women now have full-time jobs and less time. But we agree, you shouldn't invite more people than you are willing to thank properly.

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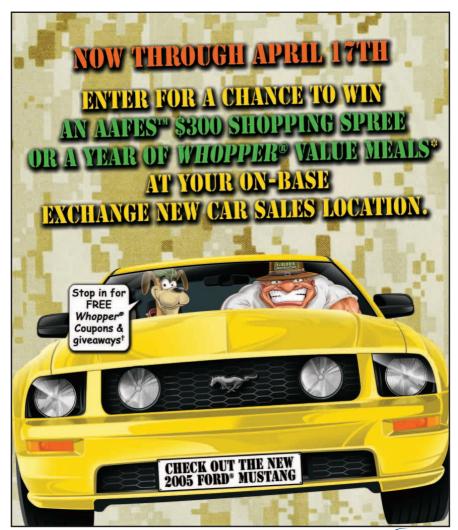
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Pittsburgh 12, Valparaiso 0
Univ. of Miami 9, Florida 7
Wednesday's games
Pittsburgh 12, Manatee CC 0
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Los Angeles 4, Florida 2
Tampa Ray Los Angeles 4, Florida 2 Tampa Bay 5, Navy 2, 7 innings Atlanta 12, Georgia Tech 0 Florida Southern 2, Detroit 2, tie, 1 St. Louis 8, Florida Atlantic 2 Colorado 8, Chicago White Sox 4 it 2, tie, 10 innings

College basketball

AP Men's Top 25 fared

Tuesday 1. Illinois (28-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pur-ie, Thursday. 2. North Carolina (24-3) did not play. Next: : North Carolina (24-3) did not play. Next: Florida State, Thursday. . Kentucky (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. nnessee, Wednesday. S. Kentucky (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Wednesday.
 Wake Forest (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
 S. Boston College (23-3) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.
 Duke (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Miami,

Thursday.
7. Kansas (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Wednesday.
8. Oklahoma State (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Wednesday.
9. Louisyille (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Charlotte, Thursday.
10. Washington (22-4) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.
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vs. Georgetown, Wednesday. __16. Utah (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. San 16. Otan (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday. 17. Pacific (23-2) did not play. Next: at Cal State Fullerton, Thursday. 18. Charlotte (21-4) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Louisville, Thursday.

19. Villanova (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. 19. Villanova (19-b) did not piay, wext: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday, 20. Oklahoma (22-6) did not piay. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday, 21. Alabama (21-6) did not piay. Next: vs. Auburn, Wednesday, 22. Cincinnati (22-6) did not piay. Next: vs. 22. Cincinnati (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Wednesday.
23. Wisconsin (19-7) beat Indiana 62-60.
Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
24. Pittsburgh (19-7) did not play. Next: at Notre Dame, Saturday.
25. Nevada (22-5) did not play. Next: at Ha-waii, Thursday.

Tuesday's men's scores

FAST Edinboro 80, Indiana, Pa. 63 Mansfield 95, Kutztown 90 Mansfield 95, Kutztown 90 Millersville 61, West Chester 57, OT Providence 86, St. John's 75 Saint Joseph's 71, George Washington 56 Shippensburg 56, Clarion 51 SOUTH Clemson 66, Virginia Tech 64

lorgan St. 94, Md.-Eastern pring Hill 67, Belhaven 56 MIDWEST Dayton 53, Masachusetts 52
Indiana Tech 92, Cornerstone 87
Missouri Baptist 59, Williams Baptist 80
Olivet Nazarene 85, Ind. South Bend 73
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Wisconsin 62, Indiana 80
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Mississip 15 15, 7 Arkansas 55
Texas-San Antonio 69, Stephen F.Austin 65
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New Mexico St. 78, Texas-Pan American 61
TOURNAMENTS
Big South Conference

Big South Conference First Round Birmingham-Southern 69, Radford 40 Charleston Southern 66, Liberty 60 High Point 98, N.C.-Asheville 93, OT Winthrop 74, Coastal Carolina 62 Cacc

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Fairmont St. 77, Concord 66 W. Virginia St. 88, Davis & Elkins 76 WVU Tech 90, Shepherd 69 West Liberty 107, W. Va. Wesleyan 98 Wheeling Jesuit 90, Glenville St. 81

AP Women's Top 25 fared

1. LSU (27-1) din not piay, Next: vs. Florida or Alabama, SEC cournment. Friday, California or Washington Stafe, Pac-10 tour-nament, Saturday, 3. Ohlo State (27-3) did not play, Next: vs. Wisconsin or Indiana, Big Ten tournament,

Wiscomsin or Indiana, big rea cocon-friday, 4. North Carolina (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech or Miami, ACC tournament, Saturday. 5. Tennessee (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn or Kentucky, SEC tournament, Fri

day. 6. Duke (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virgin ia Tech or Wake Forest, ACC tournament aturday. 7. Baylor (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3.7 dayler (2.3.) did not play, Next: xs. No. 17 days, Next: xs. 17 days, Next: xs. 18 da

Coppin St. at G. Washing Campbell 10, Barton 2 Charlotte 11, N. Carolina A&T 0 Davidson at Gardner-Webb, ppd ETSU at Kentucky, ppd., weather Erskine 4, Anderson, S.C. 1 Florida 13, Mercer 1 od field

14. Connecticut (20-7) beat West Virginia 71-41. Next: vs. Georgetown-Syracuse win-ner, Big East tournament, Sunday. 15. Minnesota (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. 15. Minnesota (22-6) did not piay, Next: vs. Purdue, Big Ten tournament, Friday, 16. Temple (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. TBA, Atlantic 10 tournament, Saturday. 17. Kansas State (20-6) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Wednesday, 18. Vanderbilt (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State or Arkansas, SEC tourna-

Mississippi state to whomanas, and ment, Friday, 19. North Carolina State (21-6) did not play, Next vs. No. 25 Maryland or Clemson, ACC tournament, Saturday, 20. Iowas Et. (22-5) beat Kansas 61-52. Next: vs. Taß, Big 12 tournament, March 9, 21. Georgia (21-8) did not play, Next: vs. Mississippi or S. Carolina, SEC tournament, Friday.

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First Round
Kennesaw 70, Francis Marion 69
Lander 72, Georgia College 59
North Florida 59, S.C.-Upstate 57
TransSouth Conference
First Round

Cumberland, Tenn. 75, Lyon 70 Frevecca Nazarene 75, Martin Methodist 62 Jnion, Tenn. 99, Blue Mountain 67

College baseball

Tuesday's scores

Florida 13, Mercer 1 Fla. Gulf Coast 12. Salem International 1

rida Southern 5, Rollins 1 riorida Southern 5, Rollins 1 Grambling St. 10, Louisjana Tech 9 Jacksonville 15, W. Michigan 7 James Madison at Liberty, ppd., snc Lander 15, Presbyterian 10 Georgia Tech 9, Georgia Southern 1 Grambling St. 10, Louisjana Tech 9 Maina 11, Satos Malia

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5. Utah 3-14, Utah 2-6 UC Santa Barbara 11, Cal Poly-SLO 8 UNLV 3, UC Troine 2 TORNAMENT Rainbow Tournament South Florida 6, UC Davis 4 Louisland-Lafayette 19, Wichita St. 3 Sacramento St. 8, Hawaii 5, 13 inning

College hockey

Tuesday's scores

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Tennis

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Marion Bartoli, France, der. Gisela Duiko, Argentina, 6-4, 6-4. Second Round Sania Mirza, India, def. Svetlana Kuznetso-va (4), Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

Jelena Jankovic, Serbia-Montenegro, def. Silvia Farina Elia, Italy, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Deals

Tuesday's transactions

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Chone Figgins and to conserved contracts. INVS—Agreed to terms TORONTO BLUE EIP Vince Perkins and INF Rail Tablado on one-year contracts. National League
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RHP Tim Hudson on a four-year contract ex-tension through the 2009 season. With C Mike Jacobs, C Jason Phillips, INF Aaron Baldiris, INF Craig Brazell, INF Jeff Kep-pinger, INF Jose Reves, INF Jeff Kep-pinger, INF Jose Reves, INF Jeff Kep-tylctor Dez, C P Kayne; Lydon, OF Angel Pagan, OF Eirc Valent, RIP Heath Beit, RHP Aaron, Hellman, BHB, Behbu, Kennel, PMP Jeff Marcon, Leitherson, BHB, Behbu, Kennel, PMP Bartolome Fortunato, KHP matt Silice, Son Aaron Heilman, RHP Bobby Keppel, RHF Matt Lindstrom, RHP Jae Seo and RHP Tylei Yates on one-year contracts.

Yates on one-year contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS - Ared to terms with LHP Carmen Call. LHP Randy Flores, RHP Jimmy Journell, RHP Ritt Parrott, RHP Evan Rust, RHP Adam Wainwright, OF John Gall, OF Reid Gorecki, INF Hector Luna, INF Scott Seabol and C Yadler Mollina on

Soll, C. Madio Guerra, C. W. Derford John M. S. C. March S. C. Mar

rson, Placed C Pavel Podkolzin on the in-ired list.

MIAMI HEAT—Signed C Alonzo Mourning. Valved F Wesley Person.

NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Walved F Dale

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FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released CB Arrell Hawkins, Waived WR Tim Dodge.
CINCINNATI BENEALS—Tendered contract
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Rough start for Willis, Pettitte

Marlins' left-hander hit hard by University of Miami; Astros' southpaw struggles in intrasquad scrimmage

While Dontrelle Willis got limber, the guys facing him brought the lumber — or aluminum in this case

The Florida Marlins' lefty was hit hard in his spring debut Tuesday, with the University of Miami zinging him with their metal bats



Willis gave up six runs and six hits in 21/3 innings and the college boys won 9-7 in an exhibition at Jupiter. Fla.

"I was throwing right where I wanted to. With the talented team they had and the bats they had, they were just turning ev-

erything around. But I had a great time out there. I was glad to get out there and get a game feel," Willis said.

"They're a good team. This is no junior col-lege. This is the notorious University of

Miami," he said. The only thing that surprised Willis was the sound of the ball hitting the bat. He was fooled by a soft liner up the middle that went for an infield single.

"It was funny because when the ball came back at me, the ping was so loud I thought it was harder than it was, so I kind of jumped

back," Willis said. Miami (10-3), ranked 11th this season, won its first game against a major-league team since March 10, 1982, when they beat Balti-

more 7-6. Marlins newcomer Carlos Delgado went 0-for-2 with a strikeout. All of Florida's start-

ers were out of the game by the fifth inning. Another prominent lefty got in some work, too. Andy Pettitte faced hitters for the first time since season-ending elbow surgery in August, pitching a shaky inning in Houston's intrasquad game at Kissimmee, Fla.

Pettitte threw only fastballs during his 28-pitch performance, a cautionary measure to prevent a setback in his recovery. He gave up two runs, two walks and three hits before

Pettitte stayed in to record four outs in the inning because the Astros wanted him to get ne extra work

"He was a little protective of his arm," Astros catcher Brad Ausmus said. "I think he got a little frustrated with himself."

"I felt like I hadn't pitched in a long time," Pettitte said. "I didn't feel real comfortable out there today.

Tim Hudson felt fine. The Atlanta newcom er completed a \$47 million, four-year contract extension with the Braves, giving up the chance to go through free agency at the end of

"I knew all along this was the place I wanted to be," the former 20-game winner said.

Hudson was traded from Oakland to Atla ta in December. He went 12-6 with a 3.53 ERA in 27 starts, but spent a month on the dis-

abled list with an injury to his left side. Spring training games begin in earnest Wednesday, with one that should attract some attention: the Washington Nationals vs. the New York Mets.

With the curly "W" on their caps, the former Montreal Expos give fans in Washing-ton a home team for the first time since the Senators left town following the 1971 season. "It's going to be a very special day, even though it's just spring training," general man-

ager Jim Bowden said After saying earlier he wouldn't play a full complement of regulars, manager Frank Robinson changed his plans. Newcomers Jose Guillen and Vinny Castilla are expected to be in the lineup, along with Jose Vidro and Nick

Tony Armas Jr. will pitch against the Mets' Tom Glavine at Space Coast Stadium in Viera, Fla., where the Nationals hold camp.

"Frank told me how he wasn't going to start his regulars for the first few days, but, boy, they're all in there tomorrow, at least for the first couple of innings," Bowden said. "And I think that's good, because it allows the fans in



Florida's Dontrelle Willis gave up six runs in 21/3 innings on Tuesday in a 9-7 loss to the University of Miami in Jupiter, Fla.

Washington, as well as America, to see some of our players. A lot of these players are not very well known. They will be in six months."

The Pittsburgh Pirates opened exhibition play by beating Valparaiso 12-0 in Bradenton, Fla. Josh Fogg pitched two scoreless innings and non-roster infielder Jose Leon homered

Russell Branyan, one of three veterans vving for the Milwaukee Brewers' starting third base job this spring, had a solo homer and RBI to help his side to a 4-1 intrasquad win

and drove in three runs

Branyan played 51 games for the Brewers last season after spending the first part of the season in the minor leagues with Atlanta and Cleveland. He's hoping his power stroke will give him an edge over Wes Helms and non-roster invitee Jeff Cirillo.

Veterans shut out for Hall induction

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Pre-

TAMPA, Fla. - Gil Hodges, Ron Santo and everyone else on the ballot fell short Wednes. day as once again the baseball Veterans Committee failed to elect anyone to the Hall of

Hodges and Santo came the closest with 65 percent - 75 percent was needed for induction. Tony Oliva and Jim Kaat were the only other players to be named on more than half of the 80 ballots

In 2003, the redesigned Vets committee also pitched a shut-

There will not be another election until 2007, the same year managers, umpires and executives will be considered.

The current 83-member committee includes 60 Hall of Famers. All but three turned in paper ballots this year.

Hodges and Santo both drew 52 votes, eight shy of what they needed. It was a slight improvement for Hodges, the former Brooklyn first base-man and New York Mets manager who fell 11 votes short in 2003

Joe Torre, Maury Wills, Luis Tiant and Roger Maris were among the other players who got less than 50 percent this year. Thurman Munson and old-time pitcher Smoky Joe Wood each received two votes.

World Series champs have fun at the White House

By PATRICK DICKSON

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - It was a clear day. with the wind blowing out. A perfect day for Boston Red Sox baseball.

President Bush welcomed members of the 2004 World Series champions to the White House on Wednesday in front of a few hundred members of Red Sox Nation.

The fans started chants of "Here we go, Red Sox, here we go!" punctuated by the obligatory "Yankees suck!" as they waited for the President and Vice President Dick

"The last time this team won a championship, Woodrow Wilson lived here," the president said

Cheney to annear

Bush worked the crowd with a number of iibes directed toward the team, singling out center fielder Johnny Damon.

"I appreciate the way this team played baseball," he said. "It took a lot of guts, and it took a lot of hair.

Damon whipped his trademark locks around

But, Bush said, "No one expected the answer to the curse of the Bambino would be a bunch of idiots," referring to the team's self-assigned moniker. "But those idiots don't know baseball '

Curt Schilling, who pitched in the postseason despite a sutured ankle, and catcher Jason Varitek, the team's new captain, presented President Bush a home jersey



Boston Red Sox players, from left to right, Kevin Millar, Jason Varitek, David Ortiz and Johnny Damon talk to reporters outside the West Wing of the White House on Wednesday.

with No. 43, and Cheney with an away jer- training in Ft. Myers, Fla. Notably absent sey with his name and No. 2.

The ceremony got a late start; schedules got bunched up because the president had earlier posthumously awarded Jackie Robinson a Congressional gold medal.

Most of the squad flew in from spring

was World Series MVP Manny Ramirez, who team officials said was visiting his sick grandmother.

The team was joined by former Red Sox Dom DiMaggio, Jimmy Piersall and Johnny Pesky, who played on the 1946 team that lost the World Series to the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games. The Sox swept the Cards in 2004. Damon, Varitek, David Ortiz and Kevin

Millar met with reporters afterward. Asked what they thought of the visit, they didn't miss a beat.

"We don't think, remember?" Damon

said with a grin. "No, that's last year's thing," Millar said.

"We need a new shtick." They laughed when asked a question

about Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez, who has had a war of words with some Roston players since the Red Soy heat the Yankees in last year's playoffs "All right, the first A-Rod question!"

Millar laughed, then wondered aloud when the first steroid question would be. Soon it was asked, and Millar responded with a dead-on impersonation of basketball

announcer Mary Albert — "Yes!" Varitek answered.

"I will not get any smaller this year, OK?" As for the visit, the four agreed it was "truly an honor," as Millar noted.

"I'm a huge Bush fan," Damon said. "He'd fit right in with this team." Does that mean he's an idiot? a reporter asked

"You said that," Damon said. And the captain jumped in

"Let's clear this up. No. He is NOT an idiot "

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Ravens get Mason as free agency period opens

it again, jumping Wednesday to sign the first free agent of the sea-

But the Baltimore Ravens land-



ed the biggest prize of the first day of free agency, signing wide Derreceiver Mason,

whose 96 catches for Tennessee last season led all NFL wide re-

And the Cleveland Browns traded defensive tackle Gerard Warren, the third overall pick in the 2001 draft, to Denver. It was an overall net loss for Cleveland the Browns will get just a fourth-round draft choice for the underachieving Warren, who was due a \$1.3 million roster bonus.

The versatile Trov Brown might not be a part of the New England Patriots' quest for a fourth Super Bowl title in five years.

On Tuesday, the Patriots cut the 33-year-old Brown, a 12-year veteran who was a wide receiver, return man and defensive back.

The 31-year-old Mason one of six Titans cut last month in a salary cap purge, will join a team whose leading receiver had just

The Mashington Redskins did Browns trade DT Warren; Pats cut Brown

35 catches a year ago. Mason was second in the NFL with 96 receptions last season and has been a Pro Bowler twice

"We were high on his list, and he was high on our list," Ravens General Manager Ozzie Newsome said. "He was really the only receiver we have had any active discussions with thus far. What this does is, we bring in a veteran receiver who has the type of attitude and type of personality that we look for in a football player.

St. Louis signed 32-year-old linebacker Dexter Coakley, one day after he was released by Dal-

Washington's catch was a former Raven, center Casey Rabach, who joined a team that has spent millions in the early days of free agency the past two seasons According to an official within the league speaking on condition of anonymity, the Redskins and Rabach reached a deal for five years worth \$13.75 million, including a \$2.5 million signing bonus

But more significant for the Redskins, who went wildly after high-priced free agents on the first day the past two years, was keeping one of their own - left tackle Chris Samuels, whose contract was redone to provide more salary cap room. Samuels got a seven-year, \$47 million contract with a team-record \$15.75 million

signing bonus. In addition to welcoming wide receiver Randy Moss, the Oakland Raiders appeared close to signing running back LaMont Jordan, who spent four years as Curtis Martin's backup with the New York Jets

He averaged 4.9 yards per carry in part-time duty but has never been a full-time back

Brown's biggest contribution in New England's most recent Super Bowl season was on defense With the Patriots' secondary weakened by injuries, Brown filled in as an extra defensive

He has 475 career catches for 5.516 vards and 25 touchdowns.

"As a team player, Troy is right at the top of the list," quarterback Tom Brady said in Jacksonville, Fla. "There is no other guy who has the respect of his teammates like Troy.

Brown is the third high-profile

in the past week, joining lineback er Roman Phifer and four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Tv Law

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers also cut ties with two of the stars of its Super Bowl team from 2003 when they released quarterback Brad Johnson and wide receiver Joe Jurevicius

The release of the 36-year-old Johnson had been expected. "I have been where Brad is. No

body likes to be told that they're fired," said Brian Griese, who started most of last year for Tampa Bay and restructured his contract to help the Bucs get under the cap. "But I think Brad is the type of guy who will use that as motivation. I know he still has some good days left and I know he wants to go and prove himself. And wherever he goes that team will be getting a heck of a player and heck of a leader.

Some of those players could be re-signed if they don't sign elsewhere, although Johnson is unlikely to be among them. He would join a group of veteran quarterbacks on the market that include Jeff Garcia, Vinny Testaverde and Kurt Warner.

Two other Bucs also were cut cornerback Mario Edwards and linebacker Ian Gold. So were three members of the Raiders, the team they beat in that title game: guard Frank Middleton, safety Ray Buchanan and tight end Roland Williams.

And Green Bay cut left guard Mike Wahle, a solid starter but a player whose \$11.3 million cap number was second on the team

only to Brett Favre's

The San Francisco 49ers terminated defensive end Brandon Whiting's contract Tuesday after he failed a physical, cutting ties with the oft-injured defensive end acquired last year in the Terrell Owens trade

Buffalo defensive tackle Pat Williams and offensive tackle Jonas Jennings became free agents when the Bills failed to re-sign them before midnight.

In other developments:

■ Philadelphia re-signed run-ning back Correll Buckhalter, who missed all of last season with a knee injury.

■ Guard Joe Andruzzi, a starter on all three of New England's Super Bowl winners, was in Cleveland talking to the Browns, coached by former Patriots' defensive coordinator Romeo Cren-

Raiders welcome addition of Moss

BY JANIE MCCAULEY The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. - Jerry Porter spent most of his first five NFL seasons playing behind stars Jerry Rice and Tim Brown, patiently waiting for a chance to be the Oakland Raiders' top receiver.

Now Rice and Brown are go Randy Moss is bringing his incredible talents to town - and Porter is thrilled.

Just before Porter finalized his new contract with Oakland last week, his agent told him Moss might be on his way to the Raiders in a trade. Signing the deal suddenly became that much sweeter.

"We became powerful real quick. I love it." Porter said. "That was a great move to get Randy Moss."

The Raiders' acquisition of Moss in a trade with the Minnesota Vikings was expected to be announced Wednesday, when the NFL's free-agency period opened. The swap calls for Oakland to send linebacker Napoleon Harris, the No. 7 pick in April's draft and a late-round pick to the Vikings.

"Not taking anything from Napoleon Harris, but to only have to give up a draft pick and a linebacker, linebackers don't score points," Porter said.

Porter knows that having Moss on the field - making acrobatic catches, speeding past defenders and drawing double-teams - will only onen un more onnortunities for him to shine. The rest of the Raiders feel the same way, envisioning a dangerous long-passing offense to rival the great Oakland teams of years past.

Late last season, quarterback Kerry Collins campaigned for the Raiders to re-sign Porter, saying it would be one of the team's most important offseason decisions, but also grabbing Moss was more than he could have hoped for.

"At this point, I put our receiving corps up against anybody's in the league," Collins said Tuesday. "Obviously, the addition





Oakland's offensive players are excited to add receiver Randy Moss (above left), expecting him to make the unit explosive. "Not taking anything from Napoleon Harris. (above right), but . . . linebackers don't score points." says Raiders receiver Jerry Porter.

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1.000 receiving yards for the

first time in his seven-year

career. He finished with 49

catches for 767 yards and 13

Porter led the Raiders

with 64 catches for 998 yards

and nine touchdowns, falling

just short of his first

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of Randy scares defenses more than any other in the

"I heard rumors for a couple weeks. You hear things like that all the time. You don't really know until something like that materializes. You don't think a guy like Randy Moss A, would get away from a team and B, would come to your team. I'm getting one of the best receivers in the league and a

guy whose track record speaks for itself. He adds an unbelievable dimension for us from a deep-threat standpoint. He's a guy who can do it all

Moss spent much of last season limited by a hamstring injury and didn't reach

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> **Kerry Collins** Raiders quarterback

in a game twice. The ond-round draft pick in 2000 out of West Virginia, Porter wanted to be showcased in new coach Nory Turner's offense during his contract year. It eventually happened.

"I can play alongside people and not have a conflict." Porter said. "I'm used to that. As long as Randy can do that, we'll be fine. If he can deal with not getting his 95 balls he's accustomed to getting. I want to

Moss' often bizarre behavior has been considered distracting over the years, but Raiders tight end Tevo Johnson isn't concerned.

"Randy Moss is one of the elements if not the element, for us being a playoff team," Johnson said. "All I care about is winning football games, and Randy Moss can do that. You can put aside all the other things people say about him, people say he has a bad attitude. I don't care. The guy can play football and make plays. He fits the Raiders mystique.

"He can easily step into a leadership role on our squad. He can really feed off the energy Coach Turner has started here."

Smarty Jones' jockey Elliott detained by immigration

PHILADELPHIA - Kentucky Derby winning jockey Stewart Elliott has been arrested and detained by federal immigration officials because of a guilty plea to

felony assault four years ago. Elliott, a Canadian citizen who won the Derby and Preakness aboard Smarty Jones last year, was taken into custody Tuesday and arrested by U.S. Immigra tions and Customs Enforcement agents at the Philadelphia International Airport, the Department of Homeland Security said in a statement.

The 39-year-old Toronto native was being held Wednesday at the

York County Prison. Elliott's criminal history became public during Smarty Jones' bid for the Triple Crown, which fell short when he lost to Birdstone by a length in the Belmont Stakes in June. It then showed up in screenings by customs officers at the Philadelphia airport this week, Homeland Security spokesman Manny Van Pelt said

Under federal immigration

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law, aliens with felony convictions are subject to removal from the United States. Van Pelt declined to comment on Elliott's immigration status specifically, but

said that he "is not here illegally. Unless Stewart agrees to leave the country, he will remain in detention until a federal immigration judge determines his status, officials said.

A lawyer for Elliott said her client voluntarily appeared before the immigration court Tuesday and believes the matter will be re solved Thursday.

"Mr. Elliott voluntarily apneared before the immigration court in Philadelphia on March 1 to address the 2001 incident that was made public after the Ken-tucky Derby," Supti Bhattacharya, a lawyer representing Elliott, said Wednesday from her of-fice in Trenton, N.J. "The current situation is merely a procedure issue and will be resolved within the next 24 hours.

2001 to aggravated assault stemming from a fight with a friend inside the man's Burlington County, N.J., home in 2000. He was sentenced to one year of probation and ordered to pay \$13,900 to cover the victim's medical bills. according to court records.

Elliott beat Alexander Kovakik with a beer bottle, pool cue and wooden stool, according to the grand jury indictment charging the jockey with aggravated as sault, possession of a weapon and unlawful possession. The latter two charges were dropped after Elliott agreed to plead guilty.

In April 2002, a judge cut short Elliott's probation by two months after his lawyer said New Jersey racing officials would not renew his jockey's license.

Woosnam chosen Ryder Cup captain for '06, Faldo for '08

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - Ian Woosnam of Wales and England's Nick Faldo were picked Wednesday as Europe's next Ryder Cup captains.

Woosnam will be the team's

will serve in that role in 2008

The European Tour's tourna ment committee announced the unprecedented double appointment - reached by unanimous decision - after a closed meeting in Dubai on Tuesday on the eve of the Dubai Desert Classic.

Woosnam, who turned 47 on Wednesday, is the 1991 Masters champion and an eight-time Ryder Cup player.

Announcing the selection of both players appeared to be a compromise to avoid snubbing Faldo. The 47-year-old Englishman is the most successful British golfer of his generation, with victories in six majors and 11 Ryder Cup appearances.

NASCAR levies fines suspends crew chief Lohse

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. Busch Series crew chief Todd Lohse was suspended Tuesday for four races.

It was the most severe of sev al penalties imposed by NASCAR for violations at California Speed-

Lohse, crew chief for Shane Hmiel, was suspended and fined \$10,000 for unapproved hinged air deflector modifications on the car during inspection last week-

The team has appealed to the National Stock Car Racing Commission, and Lohse is allowed to participate in the Busch race in Mexico City this weekend.

Cup crew chiefs Tim Weiss (\$10,000), Larry Hyder (\$5,000) and Billy Poindexter (\$6,000).

Other Busch Series crew chiefs penalized were Tommy Perkins (\$2.500) and John Vermillion

Crew chiefs from the Craftsman Truck series who were penalized were Steven Kuvkendall (\$2,000), Richard Gay (\$500) and Jeffrey Hensley (\$500).

Nicklaus' grandson dies after falling in hot tub

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla The 17-month-old grandson of golf great Jack Nicklaus died Tuesday after falling into a hot tub where he had been playing earlier.

Jake Walter Nicklaus was pronounced dead at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, Palm Beach County sheriff's spokesman Paul Miller said.

The son of Steve and Krista Nicklaus had been playing in the hot tub with his 4-year-old brother and their nanny at the family's home, Miller said. The three left the nool area and went into the house, but Jake slipped away and went back through a sliding door to the hot tub. Miller said.

The nanny quickly realized he was missing and discovered him in the water, Miller said. She performed CPR until emergency workers arrived. The boy was breathing at the time, he said.

He was brought to the hospital and died shortly after rescuers were called. Miller said.

Weighty: League claims it's no fatter than rest of U.S.

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While the study methods were not very scientific, players' growing girth "is a major concern," said Dr. Arthur Roberts, a former NFL quarterback and retired surgeon whose Living Heart Foundation works with the players union to evaluate heart-related health risks faced by current and retired players

"These larger body sizes are generally associated with greater cardiovascular risks."

The increasing emphasis on size may be a bad influence on "all the young kids that play football around the country ... and are trying to be like their heroes, Roberts said.

Players union spokesman Carl Francis said health and safety are "discussed all the time." and that while some players likely are

obese, it's not a major problem. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello called the study substandard and said there's no proof obesity is worse in the NFL than in U.S. society in general, where about 30 percent of adults are obese, based on BMI data. "This was not a serious medical study," he said.

Dr. Brian Cole of Chicago's

Rush University Medical Center. an orthopedic surgeon who works with the Arena Football League, also questioned the study methods and said some teams list inaccurately high weights to appear more intimidating.

"While clearly there are pressures for increased size" in professional football, relying on published height and weight data, but not physical exams, is faulty, he said

Julie Burns, a nutritionist who works with the Chicago Bears, said combining BMI data with players' waist measurements is a better fat indicator because some highly conditioned athletes with a high BMI also have a large amount of lean tissue.

Jurkovic said he weighed 272 pounds in the mid 1990s — hefty by any standards on his 6-foot-2 frame - but was pressured by a coach to get even bigger and bal-looned up to 328. On the BMI scale, that's morbidly obese. Jurkovic said he had already maxed out on weightlifting so he packed on mostly fat by gorging.

Combined with the physical toll of football, excess weight wears down joints and causes problems as players age and then retire. Jurkovic said. At 37, he now weighs a "chunky" 295 and has ankle problems he blames on football and excess weight.

"It's tough for the league to po lice, but I think they should try to police it," he said.

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Wallace reminds Blazers of what they're missing

Rasheed Wallace returned to Portland with a new champion ship ring, acting like the same old

'Sheed. Showing flashes of what made him both loved and hated in Portland Wallace



had 12 points and 10 reand 10 rethe Detroit Pistons beat his former team,

the Trail Blazers, 103-93 on Tuesday night. Afterward, Wallace dutifully

answered questions from the Detroit media, but ignored Portland-based reporters. He kept his hand - the one with the championship ring he earned after being traded away by the Blazers last season — at his chin and cheek for the benefit of cameras

"I knew they were going to come hard at me and vice versa, Wallace said, "I was concentrating on - I just wanted to go full speed at these guys - for person-

Richard Hamilton had 20 points and nine assists for the Pistons, who have won a season-high eight in a row and 13 of their past

It was Wallace's second trip back to the Rose Garden since the Trail Blazers traded him to Atlanta a little more than a year ago. He played one game for the

Hawks before he was dealt to Detroit. He spent 7½ rocky years in Portland, developing a love-hate relationship with Trail Blazers

Fittingly, he was greeted by an almost equal mix of boos and cheers from the Rose Garden crowd

When Tayshaun Prince had an alley-oop layup that made it 34-21 early, an animated Wallace taunt ed his old coach as he ran back down the floor.

"Timeout Cheeks!" he shouted. Portland coach Maurice Cheeks rolled his eyes.

"Rasheed was psyched up for the game and had a great start,' Prince said. "He made some big shots, some big threes early for

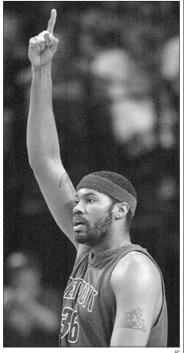
Treating the fans to a bit of the 'Sheed' they came to know so well, Wallace was called for a technical foul in the third quarter He played it up to the crowd, pointing skyward at the video scoreboard for a replay of the foul he argued.

When he left the game with about a minute left and five fouls, Wallace said to the crowd: "Everybody applaud and leave."

SuperSonics 101, Pacers 93: Rashard Lewis had 30 points on 14-for-19 shooting, and Seattle rallied in the fourth quarter for a road victory.

Seattle shot 53 percent from the field one game after shooting a franchise-low 29.4 percent in a loss to Milwaukee on Sunday.

Stephen Jackson had 28 points and six rebounds, and Jermaine O'Neal added 18 points and eight



Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace gestures to the Portland crowd as they taunt him after he picked up his third foul against the Trail Blazers.

Grizzlies 99, Warriors 97: Mike Miller scored 19 points and had a key steal and two clutch free throws with 10.4 seconds to help Memphis edge visiting Golden State.

Shane Battier scored a sea son-high 25 points and Brian Cardinal added 20 for the Grizzlies.

Bobcats 94, Kings 87: Gerald Wallace had 16 points, seven rebounds and five steals against his former team, leading the Bobcats to a home victory.

Wallace was drafted by Sacramento and spent three seasons there before the Kings left him unprotected in the expansion draft.

Corliss Williamson, acquired last week in the trade for Chris Webber, led Sacramento with 18

76ers 118, Bucks 111: Allen Iverson scored 48 points, his sixth career game of 40 or more against the Bucks, and visiting Philadelphia won for the first time with Chris Webber.

Webber added 15 points as the Sixers snapped a three-game los-

ing streak.
Michael Redd had 35 points for Milwaukee

Rockets 119, Bulls 89: Tracy McGrady scored 32 points with seven assists in three quarters. and Mike James added 26 points as visiting Houston won for the first time since the All-Star break and handed Chicago its worst loss of the season

Nuggets 97, Hawks 74: Car melo Anthony scored 23 points and triggered a big third-quarter run for host Denver, which matched a season high with its fourth straight win

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Struggling Blazers fire Cheeks

BY ANNE M PETERSON The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - For all his popularity among players and fans, Portland Trail Blazers coach Maurice Cheeks ultimately

didn't win enough. Cheeks was fired Wednesday morning, after the Blazers had lost seven of their past nine and

tumbled to 22-33 "Our players liked Mo a great deal, but sometimes a fresh voice might ignite them to go in a differ-ent direction," Blazers General

Manager John Nash said. With Portland's playoff chances dwindling, the Blazers appointed Kevin Pritchard, the team's director of player personnel, as interim head coach.

While not entirely giving up on the playoffs, Pritchard's appointment indicated the Blazers were going to focus on evaluating their younger players.

"I'm not going to mislead anybody. It's a long uphill battle to get to the playoffs from where we're at — 11 games under .500," Blazers President Steve Patter-

The Blazers are in 12th place in the Western Conference, six games behind the Los Angeles Lakers for the eighth and final playoff spot. They went 41-41 last season, missing the playoffs for the first time in 22 years.

Cheeks leaves the Blazers with a 162-139 record. He was in the final year of a four-year contract worth an estimated \$12 million.

for 15 seasons, was hired by Portland in 2001 to replace Mike Dunleavy, who was also fired.

The Blazers hardly made Cheeks' tenure easy — on and off the court. There were several players cited for marijuana possession, and forward Ovntel Woods was investigated in a dog fighting scandal.

While generally popular among his players, Cheeks had a couple of high-profile verbal run-ins with former guard Bonzi Wells and current forward Darius

Miles. Both served suspensions. Blazers forward Former Rasheed Wallace also drew unwanted attention to the team two seasons ago when he threatened a

game official on the loading dock of the Rose Garden. Cheeks never shied from ques-

tions about his team's misbehavior, bringing him the respect of fans and reporters.

He endeared himself to many in April 2003 when he came to the rescue of a 13-year-old girl, Na-talie Gilbert, who forgot the words to the national anthem before a playoff game against the Dallas Mayericks. Cheeks went to her side and helped her with the

Both Patterson and Nash said it was with great regret that they broke the news to Cheeks.

"We were kind of hoping in January and February that we'd gain some momentum - but that didn't happen." Nash said.



Maurice Cheeks, above, was 162-139 in three-plus seasons as coach of the Blazers, who missed the playoffs last season for the first time in 22 years. Director of player personnel Kevin Pritchard takes over as interim head coach.

Tucker's follow leads Badgers

The Associated Press

MADISON. Wis. - It wasn't so much a premonition as it was recognition of how poorly his team was shooting

Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan had watched the Badgers go without a field goal since the 9:35 mark of the second half. So he felt confident telling forward Alando Tucker during a timeout with 10 seconds left and the game tied that he would have to beat Indiana with a putback at the buzzer off somebody's missed shot

"Alando, you're going to get the offensive rebound on the miss that's going to win the game." Rvan told

Sure enough, Tucker's putback at the buzzer allowed No. 23 Wisconsin to fend off Indiana 62-60 in the only game involving a ranked team Tuesday night.

"I told the guys in the locker room afterward that at least one guy listened to me one time," Ryan said. Tucker, who scored 17 points, vouched for his

"He actually did say that. He told me, 'If it is a missed shot, I want you to attack the glass hard, Tucker recounted. "So, I guess it played out like he wanted it

After the timeout, Tucker was short on a three-pointer, and Mike Wilkinson grabbed the rebound but was too far underneath the basket for his follow shot to come close. No matter, Tucker swooped in, grabbed that rebound and put it back up in one motion before being swarmed by his teammates after the ball fell through the net as the backboard's red light went on.

"Mike got in great position to get the rebound," Tucker said. "He made a great play by getting it up into the air. He got it up in the air, and it was a spot where I was coming right to, and I grabbed the ball and laid it in Indiana's Roderick Wilmont, whose putback with

15 seconds tied it at 60, was kicking himself for allowing Tucker to get past him for the rebound. "I missed it. I should have had the box-out." Wil-

mont said. "We missed two box-outs at the end, and it hurt us

The Badgers, playing for the third time in six nights, refused to use fatigue as an excuse for blowing a 10-point lead down the stretch - when they missed nine of 10 shots from the field and six of 13 from the free-throw line

But they were thrilled not to have to go to overtime

'We definitely wanted to end it, we wanted to get it over," said Tucker, whose game-winner was Wisconsin's first basket since a jumper by Sharif Chambliss gave the Badgers a 53-43 lead with 9:35 remain-

ing.
"Tucker and Wilkinson stepped up and made



Wisconsin forward Alando Tucker (42) shoots over Indiana guard Roderick Wilmont at the end of the game. Tucker followed his shot and put back a teamate's miss to win the game at the buzzer.

plays on the last possession," Hoosiers coach Mike Davis said. "I thought it was a great game. Our guys grew up again tonight. I thought we gave ourselves

opportunities to win, and we came up short."
Wilkinson scored 28 points to make the Badgers senior class the winningest group in school history He would have eclinsed his career high of 29 points had he not gone 5-for-10 from the free-throw line

over the final 2:50. He did, however, make three of four foul shots in the final minute.

Wilkinson's class has won at least 10 Big Ten games in each of its four seasons, a school first, and he's been involved in every one of the team's 87 victories since 2000-01 mark, the best four-year stretch in school history.

Wilkinson scored 19 points in the first half as the Badgers (19-7, 10-5 Big Ten) avenged a 74-61 loss to the Hoosiers (14-12, 9-6) on Jan. 8 in Bloomington. A road win would have been a big boost to Indiana's now slim chances for an at-large berth to the NCAA tournament

'That was one we should have won." said Indiana's Bracey Wright, whose jumper with 2:23 left capped a 13-2 run that gave the Hoosiers their first lead at 56-55.

Payton, Davis waived by new teams, could return to former clubs

ATLANTA - Gary Payton wants to finish the season with a playoff contender. The Atlanta Hawks don't

> NBA briefs

fall into that category. The Hawks waived Payton on Tuesday.

the deadline for players to clear waivers and be eligible for a playoff roster.

Atlanta, which has the NBA's orst record (10-46), acquired Payton last week just before the trade deadline in a deal that sent leading scorer and rebounder Antoine Walker to the Boston Celtics.

But Payton never reported to the Hawks and sought a buyout of his contract by Tuesday, which he got

'Everything's fine," Hawks General Manager Billy Knight said. "It's good for Gary, it's good for us. We want our young players to get playing time, and he wants to be a free agent and make the playoffs,"

The 36-year-old guard reluctantly came to Roston last summer from the Lakers. He was averaging 12.1 points and 6.1 assists this season for the Celtics, who are in-

terested in bringing him back Boston coach Doc Rivers said Boston is one of six or seven teams interested in the nine-time

The Celtics were sparing no efforts to bring him back. Paul Pierce and Ricky Davis called Payton, as did Rivers.

Hornets waive Davis, Robinson NEW ORLEANS - The New Or-

leans Hornets waived center Dale Davis and forward Glenn Robinson on Tuesday, just days after trading for the veteran players.

"Dale and Glenn have been quality players in this league for many years, but we knew when we made these trades that neither of them were a part of our plans Manager Allan Bristow said. "By waiving them now, we can allow them to pursue an opportunity with another team this season.'

Davis came to the Hornets along with Speedy Claxton shortly before last week's trade deadline in a deal that sent point guard Baron Davis to Golden State But the Hornets never expected Dale Davis, whose contract expires after paying him \$10.1 million this season, to report to New Orleans.

The Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons are among teams that have expressed interest in acquiring the 35-year-old center, who has averaged 8.5 points and 8.2 re-

bounds during his 15-year career. Robinson had not appeared in a game this season after being placed on the injured list Nov. 1

with left ankle tendinitis. Henderson back with Mays

DALLAS - Alan Henderson signed with Dallas on Tuesday, rejoining the Mavericks less than a week after the team traded him to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Henderson was waived one day after the Feb. 24 trade that sent him and Calvin Booth to Milwaukee for Keith Van Horn

Shaq back at practice, says he'll play Thursday

MIAMI - Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal returned to practice Tuesday, one week after spraining his left knee in an awkward tumble at Chicago.

O'Neal, who missed all but the first two minutes of that Bulls game and was held out of Miami's next three contests, said he plans to play on Thursday when the Heat visit New Jersey.

Hawks' Lue suspended a game

NEW YORK - Atlanta Hawks guard Tyronn Lue was suspended by the NBA on Wednesday for one game after he punched Denver forward Eduardo Najera during a game on Tuesday night.

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Weighty debate

NFL dismisses new study claiming more than half of players are obese

Cleveland Browns defensive

tackle John Jurkovic signs auto-

Cleveland Browns Stadium on

Aug. 17, 1999, Jurkovic, who

played for the Browns, Green

Bay Packers and Jacksonville

Jaguars, said he's seen evidence

that players have gotten not just

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BY LINDSEY TANNER The Associated Press

CHICAGO — It's no secret that size matters in the National Football League, but a new study suggests that a whopping 56 percent of NFL players would be considered obese by some medical standards.

The NFL called the study bogus for using

players'

body-mass indev height-to-weig ht ratio that doesn't consider body muscle versus fat. The players union said that despite the familiar sight of bulging football iersevs, there's no proof that obesi ty is rampant in the league. But former

defensive tack le John Jurkovic said he's seen plenty of evidence that players have gotten not just bigger sometimes fatter "big as houses" in recent years because of league pressure to intimidate opponents and win

"The NFL teams want it because it's working," said Jurkovic, who played for Green Bay, Cleveland and Jacksonville before retiring in 2000.

The theory is that bigger men, especially linemen and defensive players, are better blockers and harder to move.

But the study results suggest that bigger players don't make a team more successful. There was no relationship between teams' average player BMI and their ranking in 2003-04, the season studied. Arizona had the highest

average BMI, but also the worst record in its division.

In the study, University of North Carolina endocrinologist Joyce Harp and student Lindsay Hecht used statistics on the NFL Web site to calculate BMIs for 2,168 NFL players, nearly all those playing in the 2003-04 season.

Almost all the players qualified as overweight, and 56 percent

had BMIs of at least 30 - what doctors consider obese. For example. 6-foot-2 man weighing 235 has a BMI of just over 30. Nearly half of the obese players were in the severely obese range, with a BMI of at least 35 and a small percentage were morbidly obese with a BMI of at least

40.

Harp acknowledged that without measuring body composition, it's uncertain how many players were truly fat, but she said it's unlikely the high BMIs were "due to a

bigger but sometimes fatter. "due to a healthy increase in muscle mass alone."

"The high number of large players was not unexpected, given the pressures of professional athletes to increase their mass. However, it may not be without health consequences," the researchers wrote, citing previous studies that documented obesity-related problems, including sleep apnea and high

including sleep apnea and high blood pressure in NFL players. The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American

Medical Association.

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White House honors world champs

Above: Boston Red Sox reliever Keith Foulke shakes hands with President Bush at the conclusion of Wednesday's ceremony at the White House. Right: Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek presents Vice President Cheney with a Jersey. Below: Masscusetts Sen. John Kerry tries to keep a low profile as he arrives late. Kerry was delayed by Senate business. See





Jockey Elliott, who won Derby, Preakness aboard Smarty Jones, detained by U.S. immigration

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